

Students Witness In Florida

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (BP) — Because of the meaning of Jesus Christ in their own lives, about 300 students from colleges and universities across the nation came here to share their faith in Jesus with an estimated 70,000 students on spring vacation.

Most of the Christians involved are Baptists, working under the direction of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in one of three week-long sessions planned annually by the board to correspond to the spring invasion of Florida beaches by college students.

The estimated 70,000 young people came from as far away as Canada, many of them seeking rest in the sun away from the grind of studies. Some just come to have a blast.

A steady rain throughout the first day put a damper on the vacationers' plans. Some of the Christians, however, took advantage of the weather and picked up the rain-soaked vacationers, sharing Christ with them on the trip back to their motels.

The Baptist students operated from a beach-side base called "The Rap Room" where they hold morning sessions in Bible study and evangelism training.

In the afternoon, they spread out to the beach, meeting and relating to as many different students as possible.

In addition, the Rap Room offered free food and opportunities to talk about almost any topic — including the faith of the Christians present.

Daytona officials gave the students permission to use a band shell on the world-famous Daytona Broadwalk. Here, the individuals and groups would perform and share personal testimonies with the crowds that gathered.

The students also distributed more than 4,500 copies of the Gospel of John, printed in mod format with a psychedelic cover. Last year, more than 2,500 were placed in the motel rooms, with more than 200 decisions reported as a result.

Most of the Baptist students stayed in private homes arranged by the local coordinator, Bob Allen, associate pastor of First Baptist Church here. Area churches provided picnic lunches for them.

Students came from colleges in Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Tennessee, Florida, Indiana, Maryland, Texas, and Virginia.

SBC Gifts Continue Increase

NASHVILLE (BP) — Contributions through the Southern Baptist Convention's Cooperative Program unified budget for the first quarter of 1971 increased by 8.21 per cent over 1970 gifts, the denomination's Executive Committee reported here.

For the three-month period, a total of \$7,916,664 was given through the denomination's unified budget plan, an increase of \$800,064.

During the month of March, Baptists gave \$2.5 million through the Cooperative Program, an increase of \$136,156 or 5.08 per cent over March of 1970 gifts.

Porter W. Routh, executive secretary of the SBC Executive Committee which released the financial report, said that Baptist missionaries, seminary professors and other Christian workers in the SBC should be greatly encouraged by the continued increase in Cooperative Program gifts.

Routh said that the 8.21 per cent increase in Cooperative Program gifts for the first quarter was "one of the

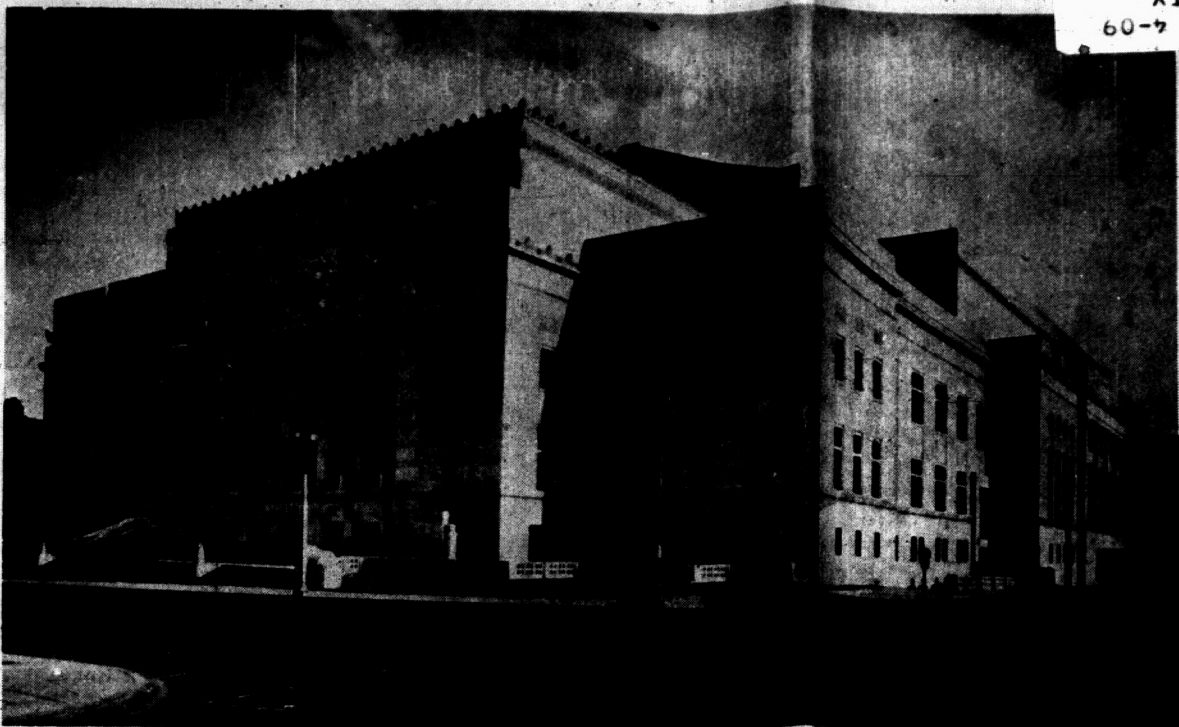
Home Board Aids Starving Migrants

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (BP) — The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, through its disaster relief fund, and the Florida Baptist Convention here, have contributed \$2,750 to feed migrant workers left destitute after freezing crops left them with no work.

The move was initiated after newspapers in the area reported a migrant worker demonstration in front of President Nixon's Key Biscayne home.

Christian social ministries director Ray Dobbins and director of migrant missions Russell Kaufman supervised the dispensing of the funds. A bout \$650 was sent to Dade County, the hardest hit area. Another \$1,100 was used in the central part of the state.

According to Dobbins, government services' response to the crisis eased the load on church groups. "About 8,000 to 10,000 migrants were hungry at first," Dobbins explained, "but now the situation is not as bad as we had anticipated."



KIEL AUDITORIUM—the site of the 1971 sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis, June 1-3. The SBC will meet in the 11,000-seat Convention Hall Monday Morning through noon Thursday, and the SBC

Pastors Conference will meet in the same auditorium on Monday, May 31. The Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the SBC, will meet at Kiel Auditorium's adjacent Opera House.



THE ST. LOUIS RIVERFRONT, with its Gateway Arch nearby, will greet visitors to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in St. Louis, June 1-3. The Gateway Arch takes its name from the slogan that St. Louis is the "Gateway to the West." At left center is the home of the St. Louis Cardinals.

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SBC Readies For St. Louis

Southern Baptists are preparing for their convention in St. Louis, to be held June 1-4.

The convention will be holding the 113th convention in its 126 year history.

This will be the sixth time that the convention has met in St. Louis, the first time being exactly 100 years ago in 1871. The most recent meeting in

the city was ten years ago in 1961.

Four other sessions of the convention have been held in Missouri, all of them in Kansas City.

Registration at the 1871 meeting was 360. There were 11,140 messengers in attendance at the 1961 session. An even larger number is expected for this 1971 convention.

In addition to the convention itself,

which will meet in Kiel Auditorium, a number of other related meetings have been scheduled. They include the Pastor's Conference, the Woman's Missionary Union Convention, the Church Music Conference, and the Southern Baptist Education Conference. All of these will be held just prior to, or immediately after the convention sessions which begin on Tuesday morning and end on Thursday at noon.

In addition to the above named special group meetings, there usually is a meeting of the Southern Baptist Evangelists, and sometimes of other special groups.

One feature of each convention is the alumni luncheons of the seminaries, which always are held on Wednesday at noon. In addition, some of the colleges have alumni meetings. The Southern Baptist Press Association always has a breakfast meeting during the convention.

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Southern Baptist Convention

Proposed Program

THEME: "In the Spirit of Christ"

OFFICERS:

Carl Bates, president; pastor, First Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C.
 Fred B. Rhodes, first vice president; deputy administrator, Veterans Administration, Washington, D. C.
 Russell H. Dilday Jr., second vice president; pastor, Second Ponce de Leon Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga.
 Clifford J. Allen, recording secretary; retired editorial secretary, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.
 W. Fred Kendall, registration secretary; executive secretary, Tennessee Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tenn.
 Porter W. Routh, treasurer; executive secretary-treasurer, SBC Executive Committee, Nashville, Tenn.
 W. C. Fields, press representative; public relations secretary, SBC Executive Committee, Nashville, Tenn.
 Robert Scales, chairman, committee on order of business; pastor, Trinity Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Okla.
 William E. Jarvis, music director; minister of music, First Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C.

TUESDAY MORNING, JUNE 1

THEME: "In the Spirit of Christ—Consider Our Work"

9:15 Music for inspiration
 9:30 Call to order
 Congregational Singing
 Scripture and prayer—Harold Zwald, pastor, Druid Hills Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga.
 9:40 Report of registration and constituting of the convention—W. Fred Kendall, registration secretary; executive secretary, Tennessee Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tenn.
 9:45 Committee on order of business—Robert S. Scales, chairman; pastor, Trinity Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Okla.
 9:50 Welcome
 10:05 Introduction
 10:25 Announcement of committee on committees, committee on resolutions, and tellers
 10:30 Congregational singing
 Special Music
 10:40 Executive Committee report—Porter W. Routh, executive secretary-treasurer, Nashville, Tenn.
 12:00 Election of officers

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Religion Vital In The Control Of Drugs

WASHINGTON (BP)—At a White House Conference on Drug Abuse for Clergymen, President Richard Nixon called on the nation's religious leaders for help to solve the drug abuse crisis. The president asked the clergymen for their support in enacting adequate laws, in educational activities and in rehabilitation programs.

In an all-day presentation of what the government is doing in the control and elimination of the drug abuse problem, 71 of the nation's leading clerics were told that the problem could not be solved by government alone.

Nixon cautioned the clergymen that "we can't approach the drug problem with anger, but we must have sorrow for what the victim is doing to himself." This sorrow, the President continued, must express itself in terms of rehabilitation instead of punishment.

Before the drug abuse problem can be solved, the President asserted, "we have to get at the causes, the frustrations, the anxiety, whatever may be leading young people to give up on the system and that leads them step by step into another world which they think will be better."

The President pointed out that the drug abuse problem could never be solved until young people find the answer in their motivations. "The worst thing that can happen to a youth is to believe in nothing but himself," the President said, as he appealed to the spiritual leaders to give people something "to believe, to turn to."

Emphasizing the seriousness of the drug abuse problem in the United States, John Ingersol, director of the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs, said that "at best we have 10

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Baptists Join In Opposing Education Voucher Plans

WASHINGTON (BP) — Opponents of projected educational voucher experiments by the Office of Economic Opportunity carried their fight to the U. S. Congress at hearings conducted by the House Education and Labor Committee.

Rep. Carl Perkins (D., Ky.), chairman of the committee, promised that representatives of the Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) would be given a chance at a later date to present their views for the educational voucher experiments.

In brief, OEO is seeking to conduct educational experiments by giving parents vouchers to be cashed by the schools of their choice, either public or nonpublic. OEO by such experiments is seeking to determine whether or not "parental choice" of the schools their children attend will improve the quality of education.

The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, one of the 18 representatives of national organizations opposing the voucher experiments, urged Congress to continue its support of education for democracy through publicly responsible schools.

John W. Baker, acting executive director of the Baptist agency, based his position on resolutions by the American Baptist Convention, the Southern Baptist Convention and the Baptist Joint Committee itself.

The Baptist leader pointed out that "a major contribution of the Baptist faith to the world is its religious experience is a voluntary, uncoerced response to God." This principle of voluntarism in religion is violated, Baker said, when government uses tax funds for the support of religious schools.

Continuing his opposition to the use of public funds for vouchers in church schools, Baker said that Baptist view such legislation "as an unwarranted and unconstitutional attack by the state on the religious liberty of its people."

He opposed the voucher experiments as leading "to further polarization and fragmentation in the nation" and as "poor public policy" that would divide "limited resources for education between two competing systems of education."

Two hostile educational organizations, the National Educational Association and the American Federation of Teachers, teamed up in support of educational experiments within the framework of the public education

system but in opposition to experiments that they claimed would undermine the public schools.

A coalition of eleven other civil rights, educational and religious organizations presented a joint statement to the House Committee on Education and Labor.

The stated purpose of this joint statement was twofold: (1) to stop the OEO feasibility studies and funding of voucher programs until Congress held extensive hearings on the subject, and (2) to restore OEO to its original purpose of providing programs to aid the poor rather than to engage in educational experiments.

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Missionaries' Families Leave East Pakistan

RICHMOND (BP)—Three Southern Baptist missionary families have left East Pakistan, scene of fighting between Pakistani armed forces and supporters of Bengali independence, according to a Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board official here.

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Young, Mr. and Mrs. Donald W. Jones and Mr. and Mrs. W. Trueman Moore left Dacca on April 14 for Karachi, West Pakistan.

The Young and Jones families proceeded to Tehran, Iran, where they will arrange to come to the United States for furlough. The Young family plans to remain in West Pakistan, according to information received here by John D. Hughey, the board's secretary for Europe and the Middle East.

After a phone call from the missionaries in Tehran, Hughey said that eight missionaries apparently are still in East Pakistan, though on April 4 there had been no contact with them for 10 days.

"There have been no details about those left behind, but we feel they are quite all right," Hughey said. "We also have that assurance from the State Department."

Of the six missionaries evacuated from East Pakistan, Mr. and Mrs. Young are both from Mississippi (Thomastown and Kosciusko); Mr. and Mrs. Moore are natives of Arkansas (Mansfield and Greenwood); and Mr. and Mrs. Jones are from Delaware.

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Jesus Christ

Superstar? Or Son Of God?

By Leighton Ford

"Jesus Christ—Superstar," the rock opera from England is confronting the now generation with the most crucial of all questions: who is Jesus Christ? To many, the title will seem sacrilegious. However, the widespread controversy over this rock opera has indicated that young people, turned off by the organized church, are still obsessed as never before with Jesus.

The opera is supposedly based on the Scriptures, but it lacks the clear compelling testimony of Scripture to the person of Jesus Christ.

Over and over the chorus asks, "Who are you?" The album concludes with the voice of Judas coming back from the dead and still questioning who Jesus is. "Don't get me wrong," says Judas, "I only want to know." And then the haunting chorus fol-

lows, "Jesus Christ—Superstar, do you think you're what they say you are?" The opera does not supply the answer. In fact, it ends with Christ in the grave. This underlines the dilemma of many contemporary young people. They are attracted by Jesus... but they are not sure who He is.

Some see Jesus as a revolutionary. He was, but not in the same way as the violent revolutionaries of His day. His kingdom, He said, was not of this world. It was not by force of arms that His followers turned the Roman Empire upside down.

Others picture Jesus as "gentle Jesus, meek and mild." Again, that's true, but at the same time there was something tough about Him. He said that He had come to cast fire on the earth and that He had come to bring not peace but a sword.

Some see Jesus as the first hippie.

However, the Bible doesn't indicate that Jesus appeared in any way different to other people of His time. In any case, He said what was inside a man was more important than the outside.

Other people believe Jesus to be an establishment man... the teacher who inspired Western civilization, chaplain of the status quo. It is true that Jesus has been one of the greatest influences in Western society, yet He offended many of the leaders of His day by exposing their hypocrisy.

Some would think of Him as a black Jesus, leader of an underground black movement. But Jesus was not black, neither was He a white, Anglo-Saxon, blue-eyed blond. Jesus belongs to no one race... He is for all men.

So the more we try to squeeze Jesus into our pigeonholes, the more He will

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Southern Baptist Convention

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Introduction of miscellaneous business and resolutions
12:45 Benediction—Jack Harwell, editor, Christian Index, Atlanta, Ga.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 1

THEME: "In the Spirit of Christ—Consider Our Common Task"

2:15 Music for inspiration
2:30 Call to order
Music
Scripture and prayer—James A. Langley, executive secretary, District of Columbia Baptist Convention, Washington, D.C.
2:45 Recognition of fraternal messengers
2:50 Election of officers
Receiving of agency reports as printed in the Book of Reports and Consideration of agency recommendations
General Boards:
Foreign Mission Board
Home Mission Board
Sunday School Board
Annuity Board
Institutions:
Golden Gate Seminary
Midwestern Seminary
New Orleans Seminary
Southwestern Seminary
Southern Seminary
Southwestern Seminary
Seminary Extension Department
Southern Baptist Foundation
Hospital Agency of the SBC
Commissions:
American Baptist Seminary Commission
Brotherhood Commission
Christian Life Commission
Education Commission
Historical Commission
Radio and Television Commission
Stewardship Commission
Standing Committees:
Denominational Calendar
Public Affairs Committee
Associated Organizations:
Woman's Missionary Union
Miscellaneous:
American Bible Society
Joint Committee on Public Affairs
American Baptist Theological Seminary
Baptist World Alliance
4:00 Election of officers
Introduction of miscellaneous business and resolutions
4:30 Benediction—James A. Walker, pastor, First Baptist Church, Warren, Arkansas

TUESDAY EVENING, June 1

THEME: "In the Spirit of Christ—Consider The Gospel"

7:00 Home Mission Board
8:00 Worship service
Music
Scripture reading and prayer—Milo B. Arbuckle, pastor, Denver Temple Baptist Church, Denver, Colo.
Special music
Convention sermon—John Claypool, pastor, Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2

THEME: "In the Spirit of Christ—Consider Our Co-Laborers"

9:15 Music for inspiration
9:30 Call to order
Congregational singing
Scripture and prayer—Willis Bennett, professor of church and community, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.
9:40 Committee on resolutions—first report
10:00 Committee on committees
10:05 Committee on boards
10:10 Youth Speaks Up
10:30 Congregational singing
10:35 "The Thrust of Theological Education"—Duke McCall, president, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.
10:55 Address—V. Carney Hargroves, president, Baptist World Alliance; pastor, Second Baptist Church of Germantown, Pa.
11:20 Miscellaneous business
12:45 Benediction—Terry Young, editor, California Southern Baptist, Fresno, California

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, June 2

(no convention session scheduled)

WEDNESDAY EVENING, JUNE 2

THEME: "In the Spirit of Christ—Consider Our Challenge"

7:00 Music
President's Address—Carl E. Bates, pastor, First Baptist Church, Charlotte, N.C.
8:00 Foreign Mission Board
9:00 Joint commissioning service for missionaries of Home and Foreign Mission Boards
9:30 Adjourn

THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 3

THEME: "In the Spirit of Christ—Consider Our Challenge"

9:15 Music for inspiration
9:30 Call to order
Congregational singing
Scripture and prayer, William G. Tanner, president, Mary Hardin-Baylor College, Belton, Tex.
9:40 Committee on resolutions—final report
10:00 Miscellaneous business
10:30 "Meeting the Challenge of the Cities of the World"—A presentation by all agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention, coordinated by the leadership of the Sunday School Board
12:00 Adjourn



"Religious Nurture Of The Mentally Retarded"

A workshop for parents and workers concerning the religious nurture of the mentally retarded was held at First Church, Jackson March 29-31. Program personalities included those above, left to right: Evelyn George, associate, Department of Church Training; Harold Stubblefield, former chaplain, Clover Bottom School for the Mentally Retarded, Nashville, Tenn.; Mrs. Doris Moore, consultant, Work with the Mentally Retarded, Baptist Sunday School Board; Roy Trimm, Calvary Church, Jackson; Paul Cotten, director, Ellisville State School. The conference was sponsored jointly by the Church Training Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and the Baptist Sunday School Board.



Construction To Begin On New Alaska Baptist Building

CONSTRUCTION on this new two-story office building for the Alaska Baptist Convention will begin May 1 following the Alaska "break-up" or ice thaw. The proposed new building combines features of an Alaskan Indian meeting house with those of an Al-

pine lodge. Architect Roland H. Lane, a 21-year-old resident of Alaska, designed the building. The Alaska Baptist Building will be located six miles south of downtown Anchorage just off the new Seward Freeway. Estimated cost will be \$150,000.—(BP) Photo

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Executive Committee holds a pre-convention session on Monday of convention week, to allow consideration of any unfinished business which it needs to bring before the convention.

Officers of the Southern Baptist Convention are Carl Bates, Charlotte, N.C., president; Fred B. Rhodes, Washington, D.C. first vice-president; Russell H. Dilday, Jr., Atlanta, Ga., second vice president; Clifton J. Allen, Nashville, Tenn., recording secretary; William Frederick Kendall, Nashville, Tenn., registration secretary; and Porter Wroe Routh, Nashville, Tenn., Treasurer.

The local arrangements committee is comprised of eleven separate committees, coordinated by Wallace E. Jones as general chairman. He is pastor of the Fee Fee Baptist Church, Bridgeton, Mo., the oldest Baptist Church west of the Mississippi River.

Assisting him in the coordination of the committee work is Homer DeLozier, executive secretary of the St. Louis Baptist Mission Board.

Committees set up for the convention include Information, Ushers, First Aid, Housing, Decorations, Dinners, Nursery, Registration, Transportation, Post Office and Publicity.

Missionaries Families—

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ware, Ohio, and Woodbury, Tenn., respectively.

Of the eight missionaries remaining in East Pakistan, three are natives of Mississippi—Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Buckley of Picayune and Gibson, Miss.; and Thomas E. Thurman, of Monticello, Miss. Mrs. Thurman is a native of McWilliams, Ala.

Mr. and Mrs. James F. McKinley are natives of Kentucky, he from Nora, and she from Louisville. Carl E. Ryther is a native of Belle Fourche, S.D., and Mrs. Ryther was reared in Gonzales, Tex.

A late report from the Foreign Mission Board says that the R. T. Buckleys have been airlifted by Army plane from Camilla to Dakar. It is also reported that the James McKinnleys are safe. No word has been received from other families at the time of the FMB report.

SBC Gifts Continue—

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largest quantity increases shown in several years.

"We want to thank every pastor and every church member for the new spirit of compassion and confidence reflected in this gain," Routh said. "It heralds a new day of advance for the churches."

Last month, Routh pointed out that in order for the SBC to meet its total operating budget for 1971 plus the capital needs that were not paid in 1970, Cooperation Program contributions would have to increase 7.72 per cent during 1971. To meet the total operating 1970 and 1971 capital needs allocations, as 11.48 per cent increase would be required, he said.

In addition to the \$7.9 million in Cooperative Program receipts, a total of \$15.3 million in designated gifts to specific mission causes was received in the first quarter of 1971, an increase of \$1.3 million or 9.4 per cent in designated gifts.

The \$15.3 million and \$7.9 million figures brought the grand total world mission gifts through the SBC to \$23.2 million, an increase of \$1.9 million or 8.39 per cent over grand total mission gifts for the first quarter of 1970.

Of the \$15.3 million in designated gifts received so far in 1971, \$15.1 million was given to the SBC Foreign Mission Board, most of it through the Little Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions.

Of the \$23.3 million in total contributions, \$19.1 million has gone to support foreign missions, and \$1.6 million for home missions.

The financial statement, issued

Baptists Join In Opposing Education Voucher Plans

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The last two witnesses at the hearings were representatives of Americans United, long known for its opposition to public aid to parochial schools, and representatives of the National Association of Laymen, a Catholic organization that is seeking to institute reforms favorable to the laity in the Roman Catholic Church.

Ed Doerr of Americans United said that the proposed voucher experiments violate every test of constitutionality laid down by the Supreme Court on the "Establishment clause" of the First Amendment. He attacked educational vouchers as giving most aid to Catholic schools and as further dividing the nation radically, economically and politically.

Joseph O'Donoghue, executive director of the National Association of

Laymen, appealed to Congress to stop the educational voucher experiments "as an unjustifiable intrusion into the internal affairs of our church."

O'Donoghue claimed that "if the government begins to support general education in parochial schools the efforts of Catholics to revise church priorities or establish alternate forms of religious instruction will be frustrated through government action."

The Catholic layman attacked the position of the Bishops of his church in seeking public aid for parochial schools as contrary to the growing desire of the Catholic people in the U.S. A. He further claimed that the Bishops in refusing to open the financial books of the church to public inspection were making it impossible to determine whether or not the Catholic church has adequate resources for the support of its schools.

First Indian Youth Retreat Is Held At Nanih-Waiya Mound

By Dolan Haggan

Missionary to the Choctaw Indians
It was a cool, clear, sunny Saturday morning recently when some students from Clarke College converged on the dormitory at Choctaw Central High School. The day had arrived for our first Youth Retreat. Cars were loaded, as was a pick-up and a van, with 45 Choctaw young people to travel to Nanih Waiya Mound some 30 miles away. This is where the

events of the day were held. The students from Clarke College provided the leadership for the day's activities.

"Fun was had by all" as the young people engaged in hiking, volley-ball and soft-ball, plus other activities. Voices came ringing down all around from the Mound with praises in song to the Saviour. There were songs of challenge, "Do You Really Care?" and "Pass It On." Testimonies of what God had done were part of the experience from the Mound top.

First, Charlotte, N.C. Plans New Building

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (BP)—First Baptist Church of Charlotte, where Southern Baptist Convention President Carl E. Bates is pastor, has let contracts totalling \$1.8 million for construction of a new church plant in downtown Charlotte.

The church will move its entire plant to new facilities about five blocks from its present location. It has bought nearly two square blocks of Urban Renewal property.

Ground was broken on Easter Sunday, with construction expected to take from 18 to 20 months.

First phase of the construction is to be an educational plant with an auditorium. A large sanctuary is to be erected at a later date.

In 1963, the church considered the need for additional buildings, rejected the idea of moving to the suburbs, and instead agreed to purchase Urban Renewal land in downtown Charlotte for a new church plant.
The current sanctuary was built in 1900.

... Let me tell you what I mean by spiritual foundation. I mean a dependence upon the power of God. — Kenneth Chafin in *How to Win Them*, a Broadman book

How well we need to remember that at Pentecost they prayed ten days and preached five minutes and three thousand souls were saved. — John Bisagno in *How to Win Them*, a Broadman book

I believe that the congregation—that group of people who meet to worship God and study his Word, to celebrate what he has done in Jesus Christ—is the normative group and is the basis for our evangelism. — Kenneth Chafin in *How to Win Them*, a Broadman book

monthly by the SBC Executive Committee, includes only reports of contributions through national SBC channels, and does not reflect amounts given to support local and state Baptist mission programs.

Religion Vital In Drug Control

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years to prevent a social catastrophe, if it is not too late already."

John C. Broger, director of the office of information for the Armed Forces, Department of Defense, said, "my personal conviction is that we are facing the worst crisis in 1000 years."

All day long the government told the clergymen what it is doing in the field of control of international smuggling of drugs, apprehension of criminals, treatment of addicts, and educating the public about the problem. Presentations were made by lectures, films, drama, and by displays of methods used by drug traffickers. There was no discussion by the clergymen on what they could do about the problem.

Commenting on the conference, V. Carney Hargroves, president of the Baptist World Alliance told Baptist Press that "for me the conference did three things: (1) spelled out the problem of drugs and drug abuse and documented it, (2) indicated what government agencies are doing about it by way of detection, precautions and rehabilitation, and (3) suggested that part of the problem represents a crisis of the spirit."

W. A. Criswell, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Dallas, and former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, said, "I have been made aware of the stupendous depth and breadth of the problem of drug abuse. I had no idea of its immense proportions."

"I have been impressed with the fact of the spiritual nature of the drug culture," Criswell continued, "and with the expressed judgment that only a spiritual answer can ever hope to solve the problem. If we fail to preach the spiritual answer, there is no hope."

Warren R. Magnuson, general secretary of the Baptist General Conference, and chairman of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, commented that "it is significant that the President of the United States reiterated the statement of 'Attorney General Mitchell that the final answer to the drug problem is out of reach of any government.'"

Because of this, Magnuson said, the cooperation of every segment of society must be sought if the nation is to survive the drug abuse crisis.

The White House conference with the clergymen on drug abuse was one of a series the government has had with various leaders in the nation. The 50 governors were called together on the drug problem in December, 1969. A similar conference was held with national television leaders last April. Radio Executives were briefed last November.

Attorney General John N. Mitchell said, "We are attacking the drug problem on all fronts open to the government. The problem is so complex that it requires cooperative efforts by many elements of society, and we are pleased to see the growing activity by churches and synagogues."

William Carey Invites Groups For Retreats

William Carey College has released an announcement that since Gulfshore and Kittiwake Assemblies are not now available for use for youth retreats and other church group meetings, that the facilities of the institution are being made available for week-ends or longer periods during the period, June 7-August 13.

A dormitory, food service, auditorium and assembly rooms, and recreation are available for approximately \$5.00 per day per camper.

For full details, interested leaders are asked to write Dr. J. Ralph Noonkester, William Carey College, Hattiesburg, Miss. 39401.



MC Concerto Concert Set For April 15

These three Mississippi College musicians will be featured during the 15th annual Concerto Concert set for Provine Chapel at 8:15 p. m. Thursday, April 15. From the left are Len Bobo of Vicksburg, organist; Dr. James Slater, assistant professor and coordinator of music theory at the college; and James L. Beemon of Morton, trumpet. They will perform along with the Mississippi College Community Orchestra, directed by Allan R. Fuller, associate professor of music. The public is invited. (M. C. Photo by Joe Lee)



Barry Blaine Kelly Piano Is Dedicated

A service of dedication of the Barry Blaine Kelly Memorial Piano was held in First Church, Holly Springs, recently. From left to right, are: Collins Tidwell, deacon; Rev. Clyde B. Little, pastor; Lee White, deacon chairman; Guy Palmer, deacon; Mrs. Earl Kelly, of Jackson, mother of Barry; Dr. Earl Kelly, father of Barry, and pastor of Ridgecrest, Jackson. This service was to dedicate the seven-foot Steinway Grand Piano recently purchased with gifts received as a memorial to Barry Blaine Kelly, the late son of Dr. and Mrs. Earl Kelly. Barry was a gifted piano student at the time of his death when Dr. Kelly was the pastor of First Church, Holly Springs. Guest program personalities were: Samuel Porter, assistant professor of organ, University of Mississippi; Rosa Poole, Natchez, soprano student, University of Miss.; and Larry Smith, Meridian, senior voice student, Univ. of Miss.



BPRA Names Officers

NEW OFFICERS of the Baptist Public Relations Association relax under the shade of a moss-covered oak tree beside a placid lake at Middletown Gardens in Charleston, S.C. From right to left, the new officers are: Mrs. Lee N. Allen of SBC Woman's Missionary Union, president; Tom Brannon of the South Carolina Baptist Convention, president-elect; W. C. Fields of the SBC Executive Committee, immediate past president and new awards chairman; Mrs. Agnes Ford of Nashville, secretary-treasurer; and Miss Lucy Hoskins of the SBC Sunday School Board, BPRA representative to the Inter-Agency Council. Not pictured are Jesse Fletcher of the SBC Foreign Mission Board, membership vice president; Ed Shipman of the SBC Radio-TV Commission, program vice president; and Bill Nunnally of Samford University, newsletter editor.—(BP) Photo.



Presents Check for BSU Work

Mrs. Annette Grayson of Jackson is shown presenting a check for \$2,000 to Jerry Merriman, BSU director at Mississippi State University, for use in the BSU ministry at that school. The gift is a memorial to Mrs. Grayson's husband, the late Sammy Grayson of Hattiesburg, who was killed in Vietnam on November 29, 1970. Both she, the former Annette Hubbard of Bruce, and Sammy were very active in BSU while students at State. Looking on as the gift is presented are Ed Hamilton (r) of Jackson, interim director of the BSU at State one year while the Graysons were students, and Ralph B. Winders (l), state BSU director.

Jesus Christ

Superstar? Or Son Of God?

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not fit. He is bigger than any of them. Some people will say, "Jesus is cool." That is what was said in "Superstar" — "I have to say this for Him. . . Jesus is cool." But what do we mean by that? Some people are simply saying as Judas did, "I just want to use Jesus. . . He's the 'it' thing." Who, then, is this Jesus?

For those who say He was a bad man, there is one convincing piece of evidence that proves to me He was not a bad man. If you want to find out what is wrong about some public figure, you ask his friends and those who work for him. We've all read the exposes from former employees in the White House or in Buckingham Palace who have sold their memoirs telling about the little human weaknesses of officials they have served.

But the men who shared Jesus' life for three years — who saw Him at all hours of day and night — who watched Him when He was tired, hungry and disappointed and under pressure — were the men who first claimed that Jesus was without sin and who said that He was God.

Peter said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God." John, the beloved disciple, wrote, "In Him was no sin" (I John 3:5).

Any thinking man must realize the charge that Jesus-Christ was a bad man is utterly false.

There are also thousands of people today who take the position that Jesus was just a good man. But there is one great difficulty in claiming this. Dr. W. E. Sangster said, "An in-

fallible mark of a good man is that he has a keen sense of guilt. . . the better he is, the more he is conscious of his own failure."

By unanimous testimony, Jesus was a good man. Yet He had no sense of guilt. He prayed, "Father, forgive them." Never once did He pray, "Father, forgive Me." He said, "I do always those things which are pleasing to my Father." He issued a public challenge on one occasion: "Which of you convicteth Me of sin?" And nobody took up the challenge!

If He was merely a good man, then He should have had a sense of sin. . . but He didn't, and that points us to the conviction that He was more than a man.

Was He really the Son of God? We must know the answer to that question. If He was God, then we can depend on what He said and did. If He was not, then we might just as well admit He was either deceived or a deceiver.

But let me suggest to you several reasons why I believe that Jesus was God in the flesh.

First, He accepted worship. . . and that is the right of God alone.

Second, He forgave sins. . . and that, too, is God's right alone.

Third, He made the most fantastic personal claims. He said, "I am the Bread of Life;" "I am the Light of the World;" "No man comes to the Father but by Me." When He made those fantastic claims, was He mad or was He speaking the truth?

Fourth, men from all races, tribes, tongues and nations have confessed Him as Lord and Saviour. As Dr. Sangster says, "Nearly a third of the

world now acknowledges the Carpenter as King."

But there is one further proof. And that is the personal proof that comes when Jesus Christ is encountered in your own life.

When you meet Jesus, you know that He is more than a man. You know it because He makes you face yourself. He sees the real you and you become conscious of your sin and your failure.

And you become conscious of something else. . . that Jesus loves you. He died on the Cross for you. He calls you to follow Him. There's the proof: once you have really met Him, your heart cries out and will not be satisfied until it is given to Him.

The rock opera, "Jesus Christ — Superstar," leaves us with a haunting question: "Who are you? Who are you?" The New Testament leaves us with a triumphant affirmation. He is not "Superstar." He is the Son of God. He is not dead. He is alive, forever more.

What will you do with this Jesus today? Will you call Him a bad man. Will you dismiss Him as simply a good man? Or will you worship, trust and follow Him as the God-Man?

Until He rules you, He cannot rule the world. Until He saves you, He cannot save the world. Until He changes you, He cannot change the world. May it be today that you get down with Thomas and say to Him, "My Lord and my God."

Dr. Ford delivered this message to a Youth Night audience in Philadelphia, Pa., during a mid-March Crusade there.)

Farmers Join Together To Support Agricultural Missions Projects

A group of farmers from Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi have joined together and organized Agricultural Missions Foundation, Ltd. The purpose of this organization is to give specific support to the 12 agricultural missionaries sponsored by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. The group also gives assistance to other missionaries who need help in developing projects related to agriculture and agribusiness.

Overriding this objective, of course, is to bring men into a saving relationship with Jesus Christ.

Some of the immediate projects adopted by the group include:

1. Sending 8 or 10 beef and dairy animals to the Chone Baptist Mission, Chone, Ecuador, for breeding purposes.
2. Assisting Southern Baptist College on the Island of Mindanao in the Philippines to increase its cattle herd from 10 to 60.
3. Assist with several "rabbit" projects in Africa as a means of providing meat for their protein deficient diets.

4. Assist with "poultry projects" in Africa as a means of providing meat and eggs.

5. Providing a wide variety of seed for the Ricks Institute in Liberia to be used for testing purposes in an effort to secure better varieties for food production.

Other projects will be adopted from time to time as the need arises.

The membership is encouraged to promote increased giving in their local churches through the Cooperative Program and the Christmas offering for foreign missions. Any contributions made to the Agricultural Missions Foundation, Ltd., should be over and above the regular contributions to the church.

It is anticipated that the membership of the Foundation will eventually include interested farmers throughout the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Officers of the association are: President: Jerry Clower, P. O. Box 388, Yazoo City, Miss., 39194; First Vice President: Dick Stafford, 222 Fendler Parkway, Pineville, La., 71360; Second Vice President: Billy

Joe Watkins, 1129 Ashley, Rayville, La., 71269; Secretary-Treasurer: Gene Triggs, P. O. Box 388, Yazoo City, Miss., 39194.

Governor Proclaims

Youth Temperance Education Week

Governor John Bell Williams has signed a proclamation that the week of April 18-24 will be called Youth Temperance Education Week in Mississippi. He urges citizens to give special attention during this week to promotion of temperance among young people as a means of health, happiness, and spiritual enrichment.

The purpose of Youth Temperance Education Week is to teach the highest Christian ideals of complete living, promote respect for law and combat juvenile delinquency, aid in narcotic education, and teach the virtues of temperance in all things.

Agnew Hit By POAU For His Stand On Federal Aid To Catholic Schools

WASHINGTON, D. C. (C-SNS) — Statement by C. Stanley Lowell, associate director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State: "We did not protest when Vice President Spiro Agnew struck hapless spectators with errant golf balls. But when he tries to soak the defenseless taxpayers with the costs of Roman Catholic schools, this is going too far. He speaks of the country's 'progress' in scuttling 'hard line church and state separation,' yet this is the very arrangement as stated in the First Amendment to the Constitution which

Mr. Agnew has taken a solemn oath to uphold. Is not this the same gentleman who was going around the country pumping for 'law and order?' He speaks of 'developing the kind of assistance that is needed.' By this he means subsidies for church schools.

"For a century-and-a-half this country has been free of the kind of clerical divisiveness which Vice President Agnew seeks to visit upon it. Can he not understand that once he commences the clerical subsidy for church schools there will be no logical stopping point? The thing will go

on and on until the institutions of this church receive full government subsidy, and a little more. The best way to establish a church is to pay its bills and that is what Vice President Agnew now proposes. The Roman Catholic Church will receive 85% of the grants contemplated in Mr. Agnew's proposals.

"This church has property and assets (tax-exempt) totaling \$80 billion in the United States and enjoys an annual income from all sources of \$12 billion. Now Vice President Agnew wants to enrich this vast, powerful enterprise with further federal subsidies. This man has done his country a sad disservice. He did not really hurt anybody with golf balls, but the weapon he is holding now could destroy the country."

Choctaw County Crusade To Be Held In Ackerman

The County-Wide Revival Crusade for Choctaw County will be held April 18-28, night only, on the football field of Ackerman, at 7:30 o'clock.

Evangelist will be Dr. L. Gordon Sansing, pastor, First Church, Grenada, and former executive secretary of the Department of Evangelism, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Directing the music will be Vernon Polk, minister of music, First Church, Grenada.

The choir will be composed of individuals from all of the churches in Choctaw County. The crusade is being sponsored by the Baptist Churches of Choctaw County, states Rev. James E. Drane, superintendent of missions.



Byram Attains Recognition

Byram Church, Jackson, has attained Distinguished Recognition in the use of the Mississippi Church Training Achievement Guide. Pictured are some of those who were responsible for this achievement. They are Fred Lambert, director; Mrs. James Herring, Children I director; Bobby Warren, associate director; Mrs. E. L. Upton, adult director, and Mrs. Jean Owens, youth director. On the last Sunday of March this year Byram recorded an attendance in Church Training of 180 as compared to 120 for the same Sunday a year ago.

CHRISTIAN HOME WEEK

May 2 - May 9, 1971

MOTHER'S DAY

May 9, 1971



The Convention sanctioned period of mission emphasis for the work of The Baptist Children's Village — The only appeal for financial support which we may make to churches.

The Village Dollar How We Get It

Cooperative Program	26%
Designated Gifts:	
Mother's Day	25%
Holiday Fund	13%
Dress A Child At Easter	6%
Back To School and Memorials	6%
General Gifts	15%
Other	2%
Investment Income	2%
Parental Support	5%
Total	67%

The Village Dollar How We Spend It

Children's food, clothing & home needs	39%
Utilities and maintenance	20%
Administration	15%
Social Service, medical & dental	10%
Capital outlays	8%
Contingencies	5%
Promotion & development	3%

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EDITORIALS

Mississippi Baptists Lead The Way

Mississippi has led the way in building bridges of understanding between white and Negro Baptists. No state in the entire Southern Baptist Convention has a finer record in developing such relationships, or a greater program at the present time.

This fact was pointed out last Friday evening at the Mississippi Baptist Seminary Central Center in Jackson, when Dr. T. B. Brown was inaugurated as the fourth president of the Seminary. This service was a colorful one, attended by both white and Negro Baptist leadership of the state, and revealed the respect and understanding which exists between Southern Baptists and National Baptists in Mississippi.

The seminary was born in the heart of a Negro leader, Dr. Herbert L. Lang, who more than a quarter of a century ago began to move for the fulfillment of his dream that educational opportunities would become available to the

pastors and leaders of Negro churches across the state.

Dr. Lang approached white friends in the Mississippi Baptist Convention with his dream and asked for their assistance in making it come true. They gladly gave it, and the seminary was born. Now after 27 years of service and cooperation between white and Negro Baptists, it stands as one of the strongest institutions of its kind in the nation, and has borne the fruit, not only of training thousands of Negro pastors and leaders, but also of better understanding and greater cooperation between Southern and National Baptists than is to be found almost anywhere in the nation.

This does not mean that all racial problems have been solved for they have not, but the relationships which have existed between the Baptists of the state of both races have been such that they have helped in solving the problems, rather than making them

greater. The leadership and the pastors and people of both church groups in the state know one another, respect one another, and understand one another's problems in a far better way, because of the seminary and its ministry.

Other men followed Dr. Lang in leadership of the Mississippi Seminary. Dr. William A. Keele, a member of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, became the second president and gave strong leadership for a number of years.

Dr. W. P. Davis, who has just retired as president of the institution, and soon is to retire as Director of Work with National Baptists for the Mississippi Baptist Convention, has led the destinies of the institution for the past 14 years. Under his direction the school has extended its ministry to all areas of the state until there are this year 35 centers, ministering to more than 2,600 persons. A large number of these are preachers, but even more are lay leaders from the churches.

Dr. Davis also has led in the acquiring and developing of the Sophia Sutton Assembly, which has become one of the finest assembly facilities in the South, being used primarily by National Baptists. This institution ministered to more than 25,000 persons last year. He also has been responsible for the advance seen in the Baptist Student program on all Negro college campuses in the state. Already this work is reaching thousands of young Negroes, and shares in preparing splendid Baptist leadership in the future.

The new president of the seminary, Dr. T. B. Brown, is a trained, able, highly respected, leader among National Baptists, and will give the Mississippi Seminary the strong leadership it needs as its moves further into its second quarter-century of service. Already great goals have been set for the next few years, and we feel confident that it will continue to serve well, and continue to strengthen the bridges of Christian relationship among all Baptists of the state.

Succeeding Dr. Davis in the office with the Convention Board, will be Rev. Dick Brogan of Cleveland, who already has a long record of work in the field of relationships between Southern and National Baptists. We predict that this program too will continue strong, and even grow, under his direction.

Our hearts are encouraged and rejoice as we see Mississippi continuing to lead the way in helping Southern and National Baptists march forward together.

Guest Editorial

A Wise Decision?

C. Eugene Whitlow in
Baptist New Mexican

It remains to be seen whether or not the Baptist Sunday School Board was wise in its recent decision in staying with the original authors for rewriting Volume One of the *Broadman Bible Commentary*. According to action taken at the recent BSSB meeting in Nashville the two scholars will be asked "to accept the task of rewriting . . . giving due consideration to the conservative viewpoint."

The Southern Baptist Convention in Denver last June rejected Volume One and asked that it be rewritten in this manner. A move was made in the Sunday School Board meeting in Glorieta last summer aimed at avoiding the convention's request, but it failed even though 15 board members voted not to follow the convention's request. At the recent meeting in Nashville the board voted to ask Davies and Honeycutt as to their willingness to undertake a revision of their material to resolve as far as possible the problem arising from the action of the SBC at Denver.

Information issued by the Sunday School Board is to the effect the two gentlemen "have manifested a genuinely Christian spirit in their willingness

to pursue the suggested course in the spirit of conciliation, as a matter of concession and not of conviction from their standpoint." Is "the suggested course" a rewriting of the complete commentary, or only of those parts that were under attack at Denver, or merely, as one BSSB official is purported to have said at the January meeting, "They will just make a few corrections"? Are we sacrificing integrity when we ask a writer to deal with an issue "as a matter of concession, and not of conviction"?

Those who were critical of Volume One last year included sincere, honest men who had portions of the book unacceptable. It will probably be difficult, if not impossible, for these to view future writings of the two authors with anything less than skepticism.

It very well may be that inasmuch as it is now less than three months until the SBC meets in St. Louis June 1-3, nothing much will be done until then. At that time the SBC may be asked to reverse last year's Denver action. I hope I am wrong because we can live with a "doctored" commentary but I fear a move to reverse last year's action would result in a doctrinal and fellowship fragmentation of most serious consequence.

Guest Editorial

1971 Legislation As To Alcohol And Drug Abuse

By J. Clark Hensley

A last moment effort to get something on Drug Abuse in this Legislature resulted in a Mississippi Drug Enforcement Commission with a Bureau of Drug Enforcement being assigned to work in cooperation with the State Board of Health and the State Board of Pharmacy.

Among other things, the legislation provides for the employment of a director and an assistant and twenty-four agents, whose qualifications and duties are prescribed for enforcement duties. The Bureau is given guidelines to make findings as to controlled substances and power to regulate such substances—including those having medicinal uses as well as those having no such use but with a high potential for abuse or the abuse of a substance that may result in physical or psychological dependence. Penalties are provided for illegal manufacture or distribution of "controlled substance," as well as a counterfeit substance, and for illegally dispensing or possessing a controlled substance, meaning certain drugs or paraphernalia used for taking or administering drugs. The bill also is concerned with controlled premises and delineates a number of regulations pertaining thereto.

The Mississippi Bureau of Drug Enforcement and State Board of Education is to carry out educational programs designed to prevent and deter misuse and abuse of drugs — "controlled substances." They are to work with and assist the regulated industry and interested groups and organizations. The Act also provides for encouragement of research on misuse and abuse of drugs to the extent of entering into contracts for educational and research activities.

So, it would appear we have necessary machinery set up for education and enforcement, and it is hoped that

eventually the various Mental Health Centers will be able to do a great deal in rehabilitation and treatment.

The Implied Consent Bill finally approved provides for .10% or more of alcohol in the blood (but less than .15%) as being "under the influence" and .15% for being "intoxicated." It provides for a breath analysis test with the penalty assessed, but for the first offense it can be left to the discretion of the Judge. The loss of driver's license for one year is mandatory upon the second offense of driving "under the influence" of alcohol within a two-year period. The license is to be revoked for one year if the driver is convicted of driving while "intoxicated." A lesser penalty is given for those driving under the influence of drugs.

Only time will tell, but the possibility of influential people's being released without penalty on the first offense is one hazard. We do not mean to impugn the integrity of the judiciary, but whether there is justification or not, this has been a bone of contention. Perhaps the chief hazard is in the percentage for presumption. While individual states vary, the uniform vehicle code states that the blood alcohol level of .10% is prima facie evidence of being "under the influence." The more recent testing and the experience of states having Implied Consent laws for some time provided the basis for the uniform code. However, it is felt that if our experience in Mississippi bears out the need of refinement in this law, that responsive legislators will seek the necessary changes. In the meantime, hopefully, many fatal and crippling accidents will be avoided as a result of a more responsible attitude toward drinking and driving.

Many of our citizens have been concerned with prison reforms and it is generally felt that legislation approved in this session should alleviate some of

the injustices perpetuated upon the prisoners.

A minor change as to liquor sales permits more leeway in election-day sales than formerly.

This was an "election year legislature" and the legislators were cautious in many areas, but, overall, it seems they chalked up a good record of achievement. The new method of approach in introducing legislation early and limiting the length of the session should contribute to even more constructive efforts in the future.

EDUCATION... what's happening

A new, four-year liberal arts college has been founded in the heart of Manhattan to educate students who, according to its founders, are seeking an alternative to large, impersonal, computerized institutions of higher learning.

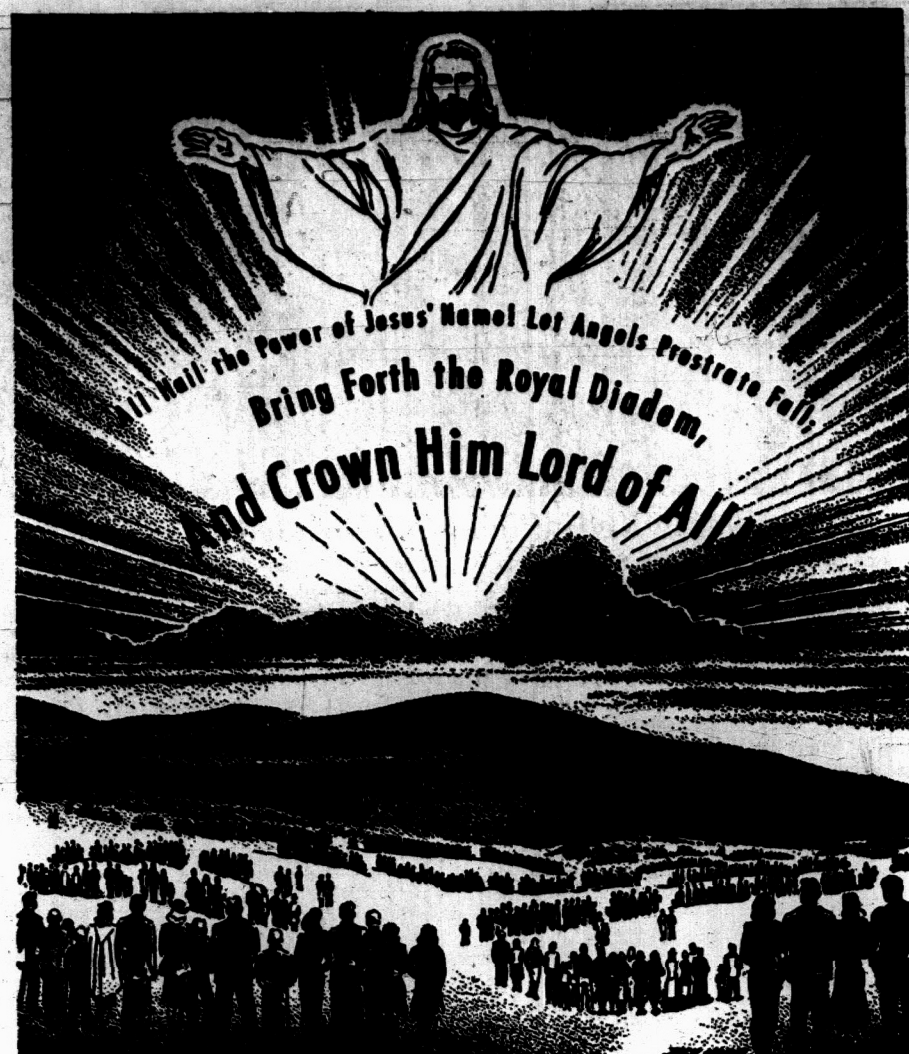
The new school, Town College, will open for the fall term at 30 West 44th Street, a 12-story building just decided to it by the Federal Government after being declared a surplus property.

The new college was founded to answer a need for smaller colleges which give students an opportunity to establish relationships with faculty and eliminate the feeling of indifference that they are subjected to at a "multi-university" campus.

The latest directory of colleges and universities published by the U. S. Office of Education lists 2,573 institutions, 1,101 of which are public and 1,472 are private.

Generation Gap definition:
The older people think the younger people aren't committed, and the younger people think the older people ought to be.

It is better to have one man working with you than three men working for you.—John Luther



KING OF ALL AGES



A Woman's World Reaches Far

Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

Wouldn't life be easier if it had metal handlebars?

James and I were talking the other day about how people get their lives in such messes. I asked, "Why do they?"

He answered, "You know my illustration about the wheel? A wheel goes along, straight as an arrow on smooth ground. Then it hits a tiny rock which veers it off its course ever so slightly. Nothing is done to get it back on course. Then it hits another rock, this time a bigger one, which veers it further off course. Again, no course-correction is made. First thing you know, the course is completely lost."

Then we talked about how people make first mistakes and do not resolve them properly, etc.

I've been giving that wheel some serious thought, remembering the bicycles I used to ride and thinking what useful things handlebars really are.

It was intriguing to see how far I could ride without using the handlebars. Occasionally when I waited too late to reach for the handlebars, the results were bad. I never one time made it safely all the way down any hill in town without using the handlebars.

Since life doesn't have metal handlebars, what shall we reach for? You think I am going to say things like prayer, Bible study, church attendance, tithing, don't you? Those, and others like them, are obvious ones to be reached for, for sure, but I think I'll try to find for each member of the family one that is not so obvious.

What handlebar might be the most help to the woman in the home? Patience, I believe. Not a whole day of patience, not even a whole hour, just thirty seconds of patience will often do. Patience to let a child finish his say. Patience to listen while an adolescent sorts himself out. Patience to let a husband blow off steam. Patience to let him find joy in his hobby. Patience to wait to soften an answer. Patience, even, to wait until there's room in the budget for a new dress — or chair — or house.

Good ole Daddy — the head of the house. What handlebar is he to reach for? How about firmness, the gentle, loving kind? Firmness to keep his family's spending within his income without being harsh on the one hand or apologetic on the other. Firmness to help his wife set bounds within which the children are to behave and grow. Firmness to keep himself and his family on the right course to reaching wise, fruitful goals.

The child in the family—what handlebar should he hold, even when he's old enough to think he doesn't ever need help? Maybe it's love. Maybe a child ought to reach for the love his parents have for him and trust that love. Maybe a child ought not bring home whatever hostilities he feels when he's away and vent them on his parents. It is hard to see love when you're looking with hostility, and love has a hard time penetrating hostility when a heart wants to keep on feeling bad.

A child's blaming his parents for the total mess he feels he finds in the world on any given day may be a normal reaction occasionally, but if it is habitual, it is unfair. A child ought to be honest with himself about his parents. Accepting their love is not a crippling, growth-harming experience.

Handlebars are for using.

You've heard about the little boy who yelled as he flew by on his bike, "Look, Mom, no hands," and in a few minutes he came home with, "Look, Mom, no teeth." Maybe most of us are like that little boy, determined to make it all the way to the corner without using the handlebars. Sadly may come, "Look, no marriage!" "Look, no communication with my child!" "Look, no friends, no job," "Look, no joy."

Not for the lack of a handlebar, mind you, but for the lack of using it.

THE BAPTIST FORUM



Albert Casteel

Writes In Response To His Article

Dear Mississippi Baptist Friends,
"We do not even know how we ought to pray, but through our inarticulate groans the Spirit himself is pleading for us, and God who searches our inmost being knows what the spirit means, because he pleads for God's people in God's own way; and in everything, as we know, he cooperates for good with those who love God and are called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:26-28 NEB)
Yes, in everything — even in an incurable disease — He cooperates for good with those who love God and are called. . . Good can emanate — even from cancer — when God is cooperating with those whom He has called.

In a recent personal letter to an inquiring friend I tried to enumerate some of the ways God had wonderfully cooperated in our affliction and pain. I had not anticipated that God would use the publication of this letter to extend even further His marvelous cooperation with us. The hundreds of communications (letters, card, phone calls) received from the various states where the Baptist editors had been kind enough to carry the article have served as a mighty fortress to undergird and encourage us. The tens of thousands made aware of our time of testing were challenged to come together in united prayer. (I have been stronger during the past few weeks than at any time in the previous six months.) Even though we had in no way intended to solicit material help, many have been generous with gifts which we used to pay medical expenses. The publication of the letter has served to help us renew contact when many friends of days gone by and to gain new acquaintances.

God has been so good to reassure us of His continual cooperation and presence. To be remembered by you dear friends and collaborators has meant so much to us. I am making a scrapbook of your letters of inspiration so that we may have this constant reminder of God's goodness and of your prayerful concern. God bless you one and all.

Lovingly,
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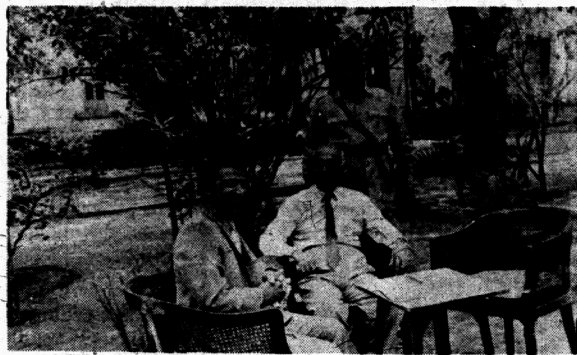
PARTIAL SCENE of the 11,000 people attending the United Evangelical campaign, Kottayam, Kerala, South India.



INDIA's president V. V. Giri welcomes Evangelist Anis Shorosh and family at the Presidential Palace in New Delhi. Shorosh, an Arab, dressed in his native outfit presents Mr. Giri with special gifts from Jerusalem and the USA. Mrs. Shorosh, native of Alabama, and boys look on.



PART OF THE spacious Maharaja's Palace in Hyderabad, India. Shorosh said it was like the White House in elegance and size and color.



EVANGELIST Anis Shorosh with the Maharaja of Hyderabad in India.



SHOROSH (pictured with his family above) said, "The greatest monument to love is not the Taj Mahal; it is Calvary." The guide hearing the statement replied, "Is that so?" with a startled look.

Shorosh, Preaching In India, Visits Presidential Palace

President V. V. Giri of India, gave a private audience to Evangelist Anis Shorosh and his family at the "Raj Bhavan", the presidential palace, in New Delhi, a few days ago. The rare opportunity was given the Baptist international preacher on his third missionary journey around the world.

world was most exciting," declared the young evangelist. India is also the most populous democratic country in the world. The unusual thing about the visit was the fact that it occurred on the same day in which the metropolitan residents of New Delhi were going to the polls to elect their representatives for the Parliament of India.

The President was given the Key to the City of Mobile, Alabama, where the Shoroshes have been residing since leaving Jerusalem in 1967. Along with that gesture of good will, the evangelist gave him the Indian edition of his new book, *An Ambassador For Jesus*, his testimony of personal salvation and concluded with a special prayer for Mr. Giri and India. The President in turn offered tea to the three small Shorosh boys and their parents then ordered an escort to take them through the fabulous Mogul Gardens behind the palace that employs 2,000 people. At the conclusion of the one hour visit the Indian president gave Mrs. Shorosh a bouquet of roses freshly plucked from the lovely gardens.

Mr. Shorosh stopped over in Jerusalem for a brief revival, then preached in Nazareth the first Sunday of 1971, before proceeding to India. He was brought up at the Nazareth Baptist Church and before going into full-time evangelism was pastor of the Jerusalem Baptist Church.

Currently evangelist Shorosh is spending six months preaching Jesus all over India. These three weeks the Southern Baptist Mission, headquartered in Bangalore, South India, is sponsoring major crusades in non-Christian communities throughout the city. All three men missionaries are physicians. Groundbreaking ceremonies were held two weeks ago for the 100-bed Baptist Mission Hospital in the same city which is also the capital of Mysore State.

It is reported that the Nazareth born evangelist has greater appeal because he is an Arab and from the Land of the Saviour. Some of the campaigns have drawn over 30,000 people to hear the Good News. Mr. Shorosh relates that through missionary Dr. Ralph Bethea he was invited to dinner at the palace of the Hindu Maharaja of Hyderabad. Before the evening was over, the evangelist witnessed to all the distinguished guests, sang "How Great Thou Art" in the open garden and had prayer. The palace, according to Shorosh is very much like the White House! Several Baptist individuals and churches in Texas, Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Florida and North Carolina are prayerfully supporting the Shoroshes. Already nine crusades have been held with 10 more to go and a major crusade is being organized in Colombo, capital of Ceylon.

Evangelists Billy Graham and Anis Shorosh are among the guests invited in November, 1972, to address the Nagaland Baptist Centenary celebration in North East India.

The family is expected to be back in Mobile, Alabama June of this year, where they reside. He, himself, has a full schedule of revivals in the Southern states through 1971.

Called To Missouri

Rev. Don E. Wainwright has resigned the pastorate of West Jackson Church, Jackson, to accept the pastorate of First Church, Eldon, Missouri. Wainwright has served the Jackson church for almost five years, and his last Sunday there will be May 2. His new ministry in Missouri will begin on May 16.

A graduate of Clarke College, Mississippi College, and New Orleans Seminary, he has served several pastorates in Mississippi, and before coming to Jackson he served for six years as pastor of the Edgewood Church in West Monroe, Louisiana. He has served as president of the Jackson Baptist Pastors' Conference, as associate moderator of the Hinds-Madison Association, and as Chairman of Evangelism for the Hinds-Madison Association.

He is married to the former Ann Valerie Henderson, a native of Jackson. The Wainwrights have two children: Donna Ann, 16 and Charles David, 15. Mr. Wainwright recently celebrated his 21st year in the gospel ministry.

Eldon, Missouri is located in the central section of that state, and is near the famed "Lake of the Ozarks." The Wainwrights invite all of their friends to visit them when in Missouri. First Church of Eldon is located at 2nd and Aurora in that city.

Revival Dates

North Corinth Church (Alcorn): April 11-18; at 7:00 p.m. Monday-Friday; Rev. Jim Futral, pastor, Verona Church, speaker; C. L. Cobb, leading the singing; Truman Dawson, organist; Pam Rinehart, pianist; Rev. Jimmy Carl Bryant, pastor.

Spiritual Impact At Mississippi Baptist High School, Inc.

By G. A. McCoy

Mississippi Baptist High School, Inc., located at 1635 Boling Street in Jackson, is in its first year of operation. The school is in no way connected with the Hinds-Madison Baptist Association or the Mississippi Baptist Convention. It is a private corporation made up mostly of Baptist people from the churches in the area. Even though the school is not operating under the auspices of any denominational agency of the Southern Baptist Convention or the Mississippi Baptist Convention, the by-laws do require that those serving on the Board of Directors be active Baptists.

The Mississippi Baptist High School, Inc., enjoys a fine relationship with the churches in the Jackson area. The Board of Directors and the dedicated faculty believe that the purpose of the school should be to help provide a constant stream of dedicated youth and leadership to the churches in the area. It is hoped that the school will provide a distinctive type of Christian education.

Since the Mississippi Baptist High School, Inc., is for this primary purpose, it affords a number of opportunities to its faculty and student body for spiritual development. All classes are expected to have devotional periods at the beginning of each day. Teachers are expected to relate subject matter to the Christian faith. A survey Bible course is offered as part of the regular curriculum. Assembly programs are held each week in which pastors evangelists and youth workers are invited to speak.

Recently the evangelistic team that was leading in the youth revival at Parkway Baptist Church of Jackson was invited to have charge of the assembly program. An invitation was given and twenty-three young people made definite commitments to God. These represented four denominations. Some of these were professions of faith. This is the kind of activity that those connected with the school are happy to report. They also desire to expand such spiritual emphases and activities. A "Religious Emphasis Week" will be planned for next year.

The Board of Directors, the members and the faculty are grateful to God for what has been accomplished in such a short time. The dream for this kind of school was born in the heart of Rev. Jim Shanahan, pastor of the Northwest Hills Baptist Church. His congregation became enthusiastic about its possibilities. Soon Baptists from other neighboring churches caught the same vision. What has happened has been a modern day miracle. In less than one year a pasture was turned into a busy Christian School with all twelve grades. The school now has a science lab, a business machines department, a large library, a home economics department, an art department and a full high school curriculum. There have been 680 students enrolled.

A gymnasium was built and put into use in January. Two Basketball teams were organized, one for the boys and one for the girls. The teams entered into regular competition during the basketball season. The student body chose to dub their teams "The Saints."

The athletic program at this time provides for a boy's base ball team. Plans are underway to build an athletic field so that the school will be able to add a foot-ball team to its athletic program.

NOTE: The writer of this article, Rev. G. A. McCoy, is assistant principal of the school, and also Bible teacher. A graduate of New Orleans Seminary, he was pastor of Mississippi Baptist churches for seventeen years.

Rev. Jim Shanahan was the first president of the Board of Directors and served in that capacity during the year of organization and building. Charles May, a Jackson attorney and deacon in Ridgecrest Baptist Church, is now president of the Board. W. T. Moore, an ordained deacon of Clinton and an able educator of many years experience is principal of the school. Mrs. Joe Hassen, the wife of Rev. Joe Hassen of Emmanuel Baptist Church is the very capable librarian. There are thirty teachers in Grades 1-12. In addition to these the school has a cafeteria staff of five.

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Under His Wings

By Wilbur M. Irwin, Pastor
Forest Hill, Jackson

There was nothing unusual about Sunday afternoon, March 21, when a small single-engine plane took off from a Florida airport with five people aboard. It was just a routine flight from Florida to Texas by way of Jackson, Mississippi. The sun eased out of sight behind the distant horizon and the light of day turned into a shadowless night. The darkness of night received help from a cloud coverage to make visibility almost impossible. The small plane continued its flight pattern according to its navigated course.

The control tower at Thompson Airport was carrying out its routine duty, that of directing air-traffic. Sydney McCall was on duty and had picked up the pilot of the Texas-bound plane on radar and radio. He gave instructions, and the plane continued above Jackson and on toward Vicksburg and the Louisiana state line. Sydney was satisfied with conditions and instructed the pilot to contact the Memphis Airport for further directions.

In the meantime, Gary Cornett, minister of music at Forest Hill Baptist Church, and his wife, Pat, had arrived at the airport at Sydney's invitation to see the various operations. They were allowed to go up into the tower, and Sydney began demonstrating the various equipment. He had received a call from Memphis concerning the small plane but assumed that they had made contact with each other and passed on to other matters. Sydney demonstrated a light-gun which has tri-colored lights. He turned on the red light and a white light while the gun remained inside the tower, but for an unexplained reason he held the gun out the window when he demonstrated the green light and said, "If I were going to give a pilot clearance to land I would point this light directly at him and turn the green light on." A fellow worker asked Sydney if he would demonstrate the run-way lights. Sydney started to turn them on, and gradually they got brighter and brighter until they reached the state of high-intensity. The latter degree of lighting is for emergency, and the lights are designed to pierce fog and clouds to give pilots in emergency situations a view of the run - ways.

Sydney had scarcely completed these demonstrations when his co-worker said in excitement, "There is an unlighted plane coming in." Sydney responded, "There isn't a plane within 50 miles of us in the air." Upon closer examination with the aid of binoculars it was quickly learned that an unlighted single-engine plane was coming in for a landing.

When the plane had landed the security officers brought the pilot into the control tower for an explanation. According to the pilot, the small plane's generator had quit working soon after Sydney McCall turned the flight instructions over to the Memphis airport. It had not been possible to radio contact to be made with Memphis or anyone else. In fact, the radio and lights and everything else about the plane's electrical system was helpless. In that distressing moment the pilot remembered that he had just passed Jackson so he dropped below the cloud coverage and using the lights of Jackson for direction, returned to the city in hope of getting help.

He located Hawkins field but could not receive clearance for landing. Remembering the location of Thompson field, he made his way in that direction. It was at this point that precise timing came into prominence. When Sydney demonstrated the green light from the control tower, a pilot would have to be directly in front to see it. The pilot of the troubled plane saw the green light. Furthermore, after receiving the light signal to land it would have been very dangerous to attempt a landing without lights. Within moments after the green light signal was given the run - way lights were turned on. The landing was completed without harm to the aircraft or passengers.

In one sense Sydney McCall was demonstrating the lighting and signal system to Gary Cornett, but the pilot of that plane is positive that God's providential Hand was in it all. He commented, "God's Hand was in it. You see, we just left Billy Graham there in Florida and he prayed for our safety before we departed."

It is a wonderful feeling to realize the power and grace of being "under His sheltering wings."



Mississippi Baptist High School, Jackson

Wiggins Not Content With 10% Increase - - They Set The Goal At 30%--And Passed It!

Wiggins, First Church increased its Sunday School attendance more than 30% on March 28 above the average attendance for the preceding months.

At its February Council meeting, the Sunday School decided that a 10% increase would not be worthy for this church, since attendance had been usually low. The average since October 1st had been 232. A 30% increase was adopted, department goals were assigned, and a "March to Church in March" emphasis began, with the stated purpose of reaching 300 in attendance by the end of March.

On the first Sunday of the emphasis the goal of 255 was reached with 256 in attendance. On the succeeding two Sundays the goals of 265 and 280, respectively, were not met, although attendance was progressively higher. On March 28, the goal of 300 was surpassed with 311 present! This figure broke all records back to March, 1964, when 339 were in attendance.

The pastor, Rev. J. Ray Grissett, immediately challenged the Sunday School to have 325 present on April 4 and 350 on Easter!



Calvary, West Point, Calls Pastor

Pictured above are Rev. and Mrs. Lynton Younger and their two sons, Brett and Marshal, who moved to West Point to begin their pastorage at Calvary Church on March 14. Mr. Younger is a native of San Marcos, Texas; Mrs. Younger is the former Clarice Graham of Mantachie, Miss., the daughter of Rev. Guy Graham. Rev. and Mrs. Younger are graduates of Southwestern Seminary. He has served as pastor of churches in Washington, South Dakota and Mississippi, and goes to West Point from Ridgeland Church, Ridgeland. A reception was held in the church fellowship hall honoring Dr. W. E. Prout, interim pastor, David Riley, interim music director, and the Youngers.

Missionary Associate Dies In Thailand

Mrs. Charles G. Campbell, Southern Baptist missionary associate stationed in Bangkok, Thailand, died April 1 of a blood dyscrasia with complications. Following a memorial service at Calvary Baptist Church in Bangkok April 5, the body was to be flown to Erwin, Tennessee.

Funeral service will be held in Erwin, with burial at Roselawn Memorial Gardens near there. Robert Ledford Funeral Home, Erwin, is in charge of arrangements.

The former Eleanor Ayers of Erwin, Mrs. Campbell would have been 39 April 7.

She and her husband had been in Thailand about one year. Prior to their employment by the Foreign Mission Board, in June 1969, they lived in De Land, Fla.

Campbell is involved in a Baptist radio and television ministry in Bangkok. He and the couple's four children will remain there until the end of the school term. The children are David, 14, Alan, 13, Stephen, nine, and Carla, four.

HMB To Sponsor Literacy Workshop

LOUISVILLE — A literacy missions workshop, sponsored by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, will be held June 21-29 at Southern Seminary, here. The workshop, for both beginner and advanced teachers, will train persons to lead workshops in local associations and churches.

Mildred Blankenship, assistant secretary of the Board's Department of Christian Social Ministries and literacy specialist for the Board, will lead the eight-day affair, the only in-depth training of the year.

Registration must be made before June 12. Cost is five dollars plus \$25 for room. Meals will be taken at the Seminary cafeteria.

Devotional: A Parable

The Prodigal Son

Luke 15:11-23

By John Merck, Pastor, Rocky Creek, Lucedale

I give you three points to guide you through my message: SICK OF HOME, HOMESICKNESS, AND HOMECOMING.

THE BOY WAS SICK OF HOME. This is a terrible disease in our world today. He had everything he needed at home, "everything but freedom to sin." The call of the far-off country, where wild oats are sown, was in his ears. He wanted to get away from his father so he could do as he pleased. This is where sin begins. The boy came to his father and demanded his portion of the inheritance. The boy had not earned a penny of it, yet he wanted it. His father was in his way. He must get rid of him and it didn't matter how many people he hurt. The father granted his request. He knew how the boy would use the money. But he knew the only way he could learn wisdom was in the bitter school of experience.

THE PRODIGAL WAS A BAD BOY. Don't you try to make him a good boy. I imagine the boy said to his brother, "I am tired of this place. I don't like it. I want what's coming to me. Mother's a good woman. Dad's all right. You are a hard worker. But, I just don't like this place."

If this were a modern day example he would say, "I want an automobile of my own. I want to take a beer when I please. I want to stay out as late at night as I please." The next morning a tender scene takes place at the gate of the old country home. The father cautions the boy about the dangers of a far-off country. The mother begins to weep; she presses an Old Testament into his hands and urges him to read it.

THE BOY WAS HOMESICK. I wonder how it is with the boy down in the far country? Is he happy? "He wasted his substance with riotous living. He sacrificed his father's substance on the altar of his own lust. In the next place he was immoral. This is what his brother said, and he knew him pretty well. I wonder if there isn't a broken home in that far-off country because of the lad. Perhaps that husband and wife were getting along very well until the shadow of a man with a pocketful of money fell across their path. Now the little children of that home stay one week with their mother and one with their dad, because of the prodigal. I wonder if after the prodigal got back home and sat at his father's table, he remembered some young girl in that far country hugging to her bosom a little girl baby that didn't have a daddy. I wonder if in the years to come as the prodigal sat and watched his children play in the yard, if he looked at their little scabby and scarred bodies and remembered the awful disease he brought back from the far country.

Many a night the prodigal's dad would turn over in the bed and sigh. "What's the matter honey?" his wife asked.

"Oh, nothing, I just can't sleep."

There is no disease so difficult as NOSTALGIA... homesickness. "I will arise and go to my father."

THE BOY'S HOMECOMING. So the wretched lad shambled home again in rags. The journey is long and rugged. Sun beats down on him. His feet are weary and tired. His heart is homesick and sinitic. His mind is troubled. His eyes are filled with remorse. His clothes are ragged. His shoes are gone. As he nears home he recognizes the old familiar landmarks. It's late in the evening. An old homestead stands silent. Two old people are sitting on the porch. The old gentleman stooped and gray, shades his eyes and looks toward the road. He turns to the little woman beside him wiping tears from her eyes. "Did we receive any word from the boy today? Dad, we haven't heard from him since he left. Could he be dead?"

A figure appears in the distance. Something familiar in that walk. The father's heart beats wildly. He reaches and grabs his wife by the sleeve. "Mother, come here a minute, look down that road; looks like someone we know." The father ran to meet him. (The only time Gods gets in a hurry is to meet a returning sinner). But the mother beat him there. Mothers can run faster when prodigals are coming home. She hugs and kisses him again and again. The father stands nervously by. "Mother, turn him loose and let me have him." *— Keith Miller, Author of "Taste of New Wine"*



Business Officers, SBC, Elect Mrs. Neal From Annuity Board As Only Woman Officer

DALLAS—J. Morris Greene (2nd right) was elected Chairman of the Conference of Southern Baptist Business Officers at the group's ninth annual meeting here, March 17-19. He is associated with Birmingham's Baptist Medical Centers. Serving as Vice Chairman are, left to right, J. W. Fortner, Trinity Baptist Church, San Antonio; Mrs. Janie Neal, Secretary-Treasurer, Annuity Board, SBC, Dallas; W. Dean Willis, Buckner Baptist Benevolences, Dallas; W. D. Brinton, Jr., Belmont College, Nashville; and John Williams, SBC Executive Committee, Nashville. Not pictured is J. Ivey Miller, Mexican Baptist Children's Home, San Antonio.

Business Officers Told SBC Institutions Need Reassessing

DALLAS (BP)—The Conference of Southern Baptist Business Officers was challenged here to help re-evaluate the essentiality of Southern Baptist institutions and agencies and to help reassess the direction of their service.

Paul M. Stevens, executive director of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission issued the challenge during the only address scheduled during the two-day conference here.

In major business, the conference elected J. Morris Green of Baptist Medical Centers, Birmingham, as chairman of the conference, which met at the Southern Baptist Annuity Board for its ninth annual meeting. Theme for the conference was "Surveying the Seventies."

In discussion the future of Baptist agencies and institutions, Stevens said that Baptist agencies are almost daily faced with the question, "Can our institutions survive?"

Stevens said they can, but it will take a redirection, reevaluation and sometimes relocation of the institutions so that the original purpose might be rediscovered and that there might be a renewal of the meaning of "the personal equation in Christian witness."

Stevens identified five major problems that face Baptist institutions and agencies: economics, loyalty, colonialization and secularization.

He said that it would take an estimated \$5 billion to bring all Southern Baptist agencies and institutions up to date, and added that one Baptist leader had noted it would take twice that amount.

Citing a general indifference among Baptists toward their institutions, Stevens said this attitude affects both the economics of the situation and the problem of "loyalty."

Stevens said that the debts, operating budgets, and costs for Baptist institutions have become "clossal" as they have expanded their operations to include more and more objectives.

Cedar Grove Plans May 2 Homecoming, "Ole Timey Day"

Cedar Grove Church, Marion County will observe homecoming and "Ole Timey Day" on May 2. All friends and former members and pastors are invited. Lunch will be served. Feel free to dress in the fashions of yesterday, or wear modern day dress.

The speaker for the morning service will be Dr. John F. Carter, oldest Bible professor of Clarke College. The afternoon will be spent in singing and testimonies. This day also begins the spring revival. There will be different speakers and different special music each evening. The night services will begin at 7. Sunday services will be at regular time, 10:00 for Sunday school with the worship hour at 11:00.

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Names In The News

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy J. Hartfield, missionaries to Mexico, have moved from Queretaro to Mexico City (address: Apartado 12-887, Mexico 12, D. F., Mexico). Both Mr. and Mrs. Hartfield are Mississippians. He was born in Purvis and reared on a farm near Hattiesburg; she is the former Susie Armstrong of Lamar County.

Billy Joe McAtee was elected president of the new Youth Council at Parks Church near Drew. Ralph Holland is vice-president. Janice Holland is secretary; and Jack Griffin is treasurer. A youth program at Parks was organized during the recent spring revival.

Stacy Allen Summers was recently ordained to the gospel ministry by the Clinton Boulevard Church, Jackson. A senior at Mississippi College, he plans to enter Southwestern Seminary this fall. While at Mississippi College he has served for two years as associate pastor at Clinton Boulevard Church. The ordination sermon was preached by Stacey's former pastor, Rev. G. L. Ford, pastor of the Bissel Church. The charge to the candidate and presentation of the Bible were made by J. H. Royalty, pastor of the Clinton Boulevard Church. Mr. Summers is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Summers, members of the Bissel Church. He is available for supply work during the summer months and also is available for revival meetings. He is entering the field of full-time evangelism feeling that this is the place where God has called him to serve.

Mr. Edwards, a native of Cedartown, Georgia, is a graduate of Shorter College, Rome, Georgia. He also holds the master's degree in theology from New Orleans Seminary. The new pastor at Calvary has served in music and youth work for churches in Georgia, and has held pastorates in Georgia and Louisiana. He has done summer mission work for the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in California and Missouri. Prior to going to Columbia he was pastor of Airline Church, Metairie, Louisiana.

Mrs. Edwards, the former Ellen Askew, is originally from Pine Mountain, Georgia. She graduated from Shorter College in 1965 and received her degree in English. Her school teaching experience has been in several schools of Georgia and Louisiana. The Edwards' have one child, Laura, three.

Students of Blue Mountain College have elected the two top campus leaders for the 1971-72 annual session. Left is Becky Stennett, the newly elected president of the Baptist Student Union Council, and right is Earl Smith, the newly elected president of the Student Government Association. Miss Stennett is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Stennett of Memphis, and Miss Smith is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anderson Smith of Ripley.

Rev. Earl Taylor, pictured, has announced his call into full-time evangelism. A native of The Twin Cities of Alcoa and Maryville, Tennessee, he was elected last fall to the position of moderator of the Chilhowee Baptist Association of Blount County, Tennessee. This association has 78 churches and two missions in her fellowship. Mr. Taylor served three years for his country during World War II. He attended Maryville College of Maryville, Tennessee. For the past nine years he has served as president and speaker for "The Voice of Evangelism" radio ministry which is now an international ministry of evangelism. He has been a pastor for the past 12 years, serving in various churches in East Tennessee. He is married and has two daughters. His address is: Rev. Earl Taylor, evangelist, P. O. Box 13, Alcoa, Tennessee 37701 (Phone Number (615) 984-0806).

Dr. and Mrs. W. Lowrey Cooper, missionaries who have completed furlough, are scheduled to fly in mid-April to Argentina (address: Casilla 136, Obara Misiones, Argentina). A Mississippian, Cooper was born in Itta Bena and also lived in Grenada and Sumner while growing up. The former Katherine Tomlinson, Mrs. Cooper was born in Ludlow, Miss., and also lived in Leakesville and Jackson, Miss., and Belton, Tex. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1939.

Two Mississippi College coeds in the School of Nursing have been elected officers in the Mississippi Association of Student Nurses. Darlene Kilgore (left) of Morton was elected corresponding secretary and Sherri Jo Seale of Meridian (right) was named second vice-president. They are both sophomores in the School of Nursing and are active in the Nursing Club on campus. (M.C. Photo by Joe Lee)



Rev. Lester E. McNair (left) was ordained to the gospel ministry Sunday morning, April 4, by Beulah Church, Magee, in Simpson County. He will assume duties as assistant pastor and youth director of Beulah Church, Rev. George Harper, pastor (right).

Rev. and Mrs. Jerald W. Perrill, missionaries, were scheduled to arrive around March 12 in Laos (address: Laos Baptist Mission, B. P. 395, Vientiane, Laos). Born in Ellsworth, Kan., Perrill spent his early childhood in nearby Alton, but later settled with his family in Boulder, Colo. She is the former Elaine Fortenberry of Monticello, Miss. At the time of their appointment by the Foreign Mission Board last June, Perrill was pastor of Vieux Carre Baptist Church, New Orleans, La.

Paul and Beryl Seal of Louisville, Ky., have been engaged in entertaining for church banquets, mission conference special programs, and various church-sponsored events in the past several months. Paul is a second-year student at Southern Seminary enrolled in the School of Theology. Beryl is employed at a local accounting firm and assists her husband as musician. Both have received Bachelor's degrees, Paul from Arkansas State University, 1969, Beryl from Louisiana College, 1970. Their emphasis has been in the area of impersonations, music and drama. Particular emphasis has been given to expressing the Christian faith through one's God-given talents. Paul and Beryl are available for focus weeks, banquets, retreats, special programs and revival meetings. Their seminary address is: Box 583, Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky 40206.

First Church, Poplarville has elected and set apart seven men to serve as deacons. These men are Glen Anderson, John Grant, Sr., Earl Johnson, Osborne Moody, James Lonnie Smith, Mack Stewart, and George Thames.

Miss Nelwyn Loftin, pictured an MC sophomore from Jackson, was named as first alternate in the "Student Nurse of the Year" competition recently during the meeting of the annual convention, Mississippi Nurses' Association of Student Nurses, in Biloxi. Capturing the honor was Miss Marcia Fleming of Greenville, a student at Hinds Junior College.

First Church, Poplarville has recently called J. D. Batson of Wiggins as minister of music and youth. Mr. Batson is married to Ethyl Thatcher, and they have four daughters. A graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary, he moved to Poplarville from the Capitol Heights Church, Montgomery, Alabama. Dr. Robert Barnes is the Poplarville pastor.



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The program is a cooperative production of NBC and the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission. Paul M. Stevens, executive director of the Commission, will be a panelist in the discussion, which will be moderated by Edwin Newman, NBC television news commentator.

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The Important Role Of The Hebrew Prophet

By Clifton J. Allen

Isaiah 6:1-3; Jeremiah 18:1; Hosea 1:1-3; Amos 1:1; 3:1-3; 7:1-15; Micah 3:5-9; Hebrews 1:1-2; 2 Peter 1:20-21

We begin with this lesson a unit on "Prophets of Righteousness and Mercy." We are to study selected passages from four great eighth-century Hebrew prophets. — Amos and Hosea, who prophesied in the Northern Kingdom, and Isaiah and Micah who prophesied in the Southern Kingdom. These prophets were messengers of God to his covenant people. They were interpreters of true religion, champions of justice, and heralds of hope. Their messages set the plumb line of righteousness for God's people and called

the people to repent of their rebellion and disobedience. They thus sought to bind the people to the Lord in fidelity to their covenant relationship and to stimulate in them steadfast love for the Lord.

The Lesson Explained
To Announce The Word of the Lord
Amos 3:1-2

The prophets were in the truest sense spokesmen for God. While there was some element of predictive prophecy, primarily they declared the word of the Lord with reference to a contemporary situation. These two verses from Amos were a word of indictment against the people of Israel for their infidelity. They were a word also of warm entreaty. God claimed Israel as his family; he reminded them that he brought them out of the land of Egypt. Amos emphasized the unique claim of God on Israel and their unique obligation to him because they were a chosen people,

vulture, was threatening Israel, and Israel's downfall was certain. Unshamed and indifferent to their guilt, the people of Israel claimed to know God; but their claim had no reality. They had sown the seeds of iniquity; they were certain to reap the harvest of judgment. Still there was yearning in the heart of God to see signs of repentance, and there was willingness to forgive.

To Interpret the ways of God
Isaiah 6:8

One major aspect of the prophet's role was to interpret God to the people and to help them understand his purposes and ways. The people misunderstood God's blessings, confusing their preservation and prosperity as evidence of their piety and permanence. Isaiah's call and commission set him apart as a prophet in just such a situation in Judah. Religion was popular, but worship was void of devotion and integrity. The people had

lost their moral sensitivity; they called good evil and evil good. They forgot that they were the vineyard of the Lord. They discounted any possibility of being blessed and hence uniquely responsible. Amos announced the inescapable outcome of Israel's disobedience: punishment for iniquity. The role of the prophet was to declare the word he had received from the Lord. Indifference to the word of the prophet was indifference to God himself.

To Call The People To Repentance
Esa. 8:1-3

Another aspect of the prophet's role, which applied to Amos as well as Hosea, and to other prophets as well, was to call the wayward people of Israel to repentance. The call to repentance was an indictment of the people for their waywardness and rebellion, their exceeding wickedness and stubbornness. The urgency of the call of repentance is suggested by the picture of the prophet putting a trumpet to his lips. Assyria, like a bill of judgment and cared nothing about the lessons of history. There-

fore we see in the call of Isaiah the purpose of God to send him to interpret to the people of Judah the deep realities of their covenant relationship with the Lord and the implications of their mission in the unfolding purpose of God.

To Preclaim Judgment and Hope
Mic. 3:5-6

The prophets of the Lord, confirmed to be true prophets by the integrity of their messages and the courage of their witness, had to expose the prophets who sought to lead the people astray. Micah declared that he was filled with the power of the Spirit of the Lord to declare to the people their transgressions and their sins. Years later the judgment of God would fall on Judah. But the message of judgment was not without hope. There was hope through the chastening and repentance of the people, hope through the coming of the Messiah, and hope through the fidelity of God to his covenant. This hope was fulfilled in the coming of Jesus Christ, and it will be fulfilled in the final con-

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summation of his kingdom.

Truths to Live By

The messages of the prophets are uniquely relevant for our time. — The spirit of greed and dissipation and love of pleasure marks a tremendously large segment of the total population. And the love of the things of the world turn more and more people away from the love and worship of God. Too much of our nation's life has made money its god and material well-being its concern and economic security its hope for the future. The people who have been the recipients of God's mercy and blessing, almost unparalleled, seem more and more to forget their stewardship. If more and more people of our present time refuse to listen to the word of God through the prophets and through messengers of the gospel of Christ, the certain outcome will be a visitation of the righteous judgment of God in a day of wrath and destruction.

The truth prophet is known by his message and his character. — Some tests to keep in mind are these: Does one's message ring true to the biblical revelation? Is it marked by harmony with the life and teachings of Jesus? Is one's ministry characterized by the spirit of humility and unselfishness which is genuine, or is there constant concern for personal gain marked by boasting and personal achievement? Is the message preached one of reconciliation or accusation and condemnation? Are support and loyalty given to churches, the evident instrument of God's redemptive purpose in the world, or are they held up to criticism and ridicule? The evidence that one is a true prophet of God will be found in integrity and unselfishness and humility and courage — above all, in fidelity to Jesus Christ as Lord.

Hard Times For God's Servant

II Kings 22-23; II Chronicles 36

By Bill Duncan

"It is hard to be a Christian," was the comment made the other night by a teenager at our local Coffee House. Does it ever get easy to live according to God's instructions? Many people are truly wrestling with the idea of what they should do during these difficult times of moral laxity and spiritual decay.

The lesson begins a unit designed with the title, "Response to Crisis." The basic study is about Jeremiah and the hard times in which he lived. It is hoped that a better understanding of this Old Testament prophet and his message with its reaction to our difficult assignment. We have not been given an impossible

task because as Jeremiah was promised God's help so do we have that same assurance. Many Christians have refused to consider the crisis of our times as an opportunity to witness for our faith. Too many each Sunday are going, leaving the ranks of the church and joining the enemy.

What is so different between our time and the times of Jeremiah? Jeremiah was called to be a prophet during the reign of the devoted king Josiah. Josiah had become king at the age of eight. Before that time, for 57 years alien religions had been established. As a result the nation had disintegrated spiritually. Manasseh and Amon his son had been wicked rulers. Temple worship was unknown and the Holy Place was in a bad state of repairs. The book of the law was lost, the priests of Judah were defiled, and the nation had drifted away from God. Amon was assassinated by his servants in the palace. The people of the country then cleared out the political filth of the court.

At an early age young Josiah began "to seek after the God of David his father." This could have been the conversation of his life. His grandfather Manasseh had turned to God in his old age. The court attendants had taught him well the things of God. Many believe that he was influenced by the preaching of Jeremiah. Because of his seeking the Lord, he immediately began a period of reform.

According to II Kings 22 and 23, he began a two-fold program of reformation. He began to raise money to repair the temple for worship and to destroy the pagan worship that was in the land. II Chronicles is dated and the account claims that the major part of the reformation took place before the discovery of the law. The destruction of the idols and places of pagan worship was not confined to Judah alone but included parts of Israel as well. This extirpation of the idols was personally carried out under the supervision of the King. But he was wise and gave the responsibility in repairing the temple to the laymen. The work was done faithfully. The three laymen organized the work and saw to it that it was done with a song in the hearts of the people.

The most important result of the times of Jeremiah was the discovery of the book of the law. The rediscovery of the law has been called by many more important than the repair of the temple. Many scholars believe it was only the book of Deuteronomy. The writer of II Chronicles believed that Hilkiah found the whole Pentateuch. Then Shaphan read portions of the book to the king. The con-

tent was news to the king. At first it seemed to be sad news, because he rent his clothes. But he was convinced that he must walk by the word of God. Josiah sent trusted messengers to the Lord. He wanted the "good news" as an answer to his needs. The sins of the repentant people would be forgiven but they must suffer the consequences. Because the king had been tenderhearted and humble the judgment would not come in his day.

Then the book was read to the people so that they could know what God had to speak. The people turned from their sins and to God. They took one goal for their lives: to serve Jehovah. The people observed the Passover and the people made a covenant to obey all the words of the book. They agreed to keep his commandments and to walk after the Lord. Jeremiah the young prophet of

"Slave Sale" Coming Up

Students At Baptist Hospital Follow Very Busy Schedule

Students at Mississippi Baptist Hospital are following busy recreational social and religious schedules these days, in addition to their studies.

Special activities include cook-outs and song fests called "Singspirations." Bible study and pizza feasts are high on the agenda. Guest speakers are frequently heard.

"A few days ago, we toured a medical-missions conference in New Orleans," said Miss Kathy Bearden, the hospital's director of student activities.

"We've been invited to be in charge of a prayer meeting one day soon at the Oakley Training School, and we're looking forward to that."

Still another event in the offing is a "Slave Sale" on the evening of April 26, when students will volunteer their services for such things as mowing yards and baby sitting.

Money paid to the students for these services will be turned over to the State Baptist Student Department for student missions, in which young people are sent to foreign lands on temporary missionary assignments.

Meanwhile, Miss Bearden is keeping busy with speaking engagements in various schools in Jackson, Clinton, Terry, Brookhaven and elsewhere, telling juniors and seniors about hospital careers.

She is also mailing scores of leaflets about careers at Mississippi Baptist Hospital to all parts of the state and to points as far away as Florida. She also hands them out after every speech.

Miss Bearden also is lining up a series of speaking engagements at churches in the Jackson area to talk to young people about hospital work.

Department directors at the hospital report an increase in the number of young people asking them about work in the hospital as a result of Miss Bearden's activities.

Students at the hospital are enrolled in the Gilfoy School of Nursing, the School for Practical Nursing, and in academic work in inhalation therapy, laboratory work and radiology.

A student council which plans programs and activities is made up of two representatives from each of



STUDENT ACTIVITIES at Mississippi Baptist Hospital are planned by representatives of the various educational programs at the hospital. From left to right, seated, are Miss Peggy Cobb, X-ray; Paul J. Pryor, hospital administrator; Miss Diane Hartfield, Inhalation Therapy. Standing, left to right, are Miss Kathy Bearden, the hospital's director of student activities; Miss Barbara Branstrom, of the hospital's Gilfoy School of Nursing; and Earl W. Eddins, assistant administrator.

these five programs, with Miss Bearden as their advisor.

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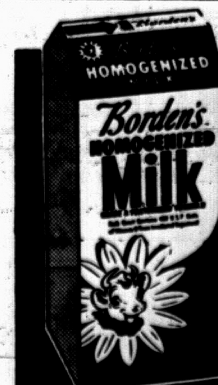
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Revival Dates



First Church, Lexington: April 18-23; services at 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Jackie Hamilton, pictured, pastor, Riverside Church, New Orleans, evangelist; J. B. Betts, singer; services, 7:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. David Pratt, pastor.

Neg Hope (Tale): April 22-25; services at 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Bobby Walton, pastor of Arkabutla Church, evangelist; Rev. Anthony Kay, pastor of Coldwater Church, music director; Rev. Roy C. Wilson, pastor.

Improve Church: April 18-23; services at regular hours on Sunday and at 7:00 p.m. Monday-Friday; Rev. John E. (Gene) Watts, pastor of Liberty Church, Liberty, evangelist; music under direction of Rev. Ernest Ryals, minister of music at Improve; Rev. Tommy Jones, pastor.

First, Bahama: youth revival; April 16-18; Buddy Mathis and James Miller of Calvary Church, Pascagoula, in charge, services Friday evening 8:15 p.m., Saturday evening 7:30 p.m. and regular services on Sunday; Rev. T. Kermit Brann, pastor.

First, Clinton: April 18-23; Rev. Bill Rittenhouse, Jr., pastor of Nassau Bay Church, Houston, Texas (across the street from the Manned Spacecraft Center), former prisoner of war who received the call to the ministry while in a Nazi prison, evangelist; Tanner Riley, minister of music at the church, singer; Dr. Russell McIntire, pastor; services at 7 a.m. (coffee and doughnuts before and after service) and 7 p.m. (Serving as an Air Force pilot during World War II, Rittenhouse was shot down over Rumania. He was captured and placed behind Nazi barbed wire. He and hundreds of other Americans underwent severe physical hardships day after day. Rittenhouse saw that his fellow prisoners hungered for the word of God during this trying time, but the Germans would allow no religious service of any kind. A preacher's son, he rose to the occasion, however. With no formal training and armed only with the memories of his Dad's sermons, he became the secret chaplain of the prison camp.)

Bunkley, Rt. 2, Meadville: world missions revival; April 25-26; Rev. Archie Eacil, pastor.

First Church Poplarville: April 25-May 1; services will be at 7 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Weekdays; Rev. Wayne Hendrick, pastor of Main St. Church, Bogalusa, La., evangelist; and J. D. Batson, minister of music at First Poplarville, music director; Dr. Robt. B. Barnes, Pastor.

Montgomery (Lincoln) April 22-25: Rev. J. James Hickman, Picayune, evangelist; Dale Little, music director; services nightly 7:30; Sunday services 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. John H. Thomas, pastor.

Woodville Heights, Jackson: "He Lives Crusade," April 11-18; services Sunday 8:30, 11:00 a.m., and 7:30 p.m.; services Monday through Saturday 7:30 p.m.; Rev. James Fancher, pictured, Aberdeen, evangelist; Tom Larrimore directing the music; Rev. Carl Savell, pastor.

Society Hill Church, (Jefferson) Davis County: April 21-25; the pastor, Rev. Richard H. Crapps, will preach the first night; the evangelist will be Rev. Nathan L. Barber, pastor of Calvary Church, Hattiesburg; music will be led by Lloyd Rollins, minister of music of Salem Church, Covington County; services at 7:30 p.m.; regular services on Sunday, 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.; Sunday is to be high attendance in Sunday School and Training Union; dinner will be held on the grounds following the Sunday morning worship service.

South 28th Avenue, Hattiesburg: April 19-25; Rev. T. E. Nethery, pastor, Kendrick, Corinth, evangelist; Bill Canary, minister of music, First, Harrison, Ark., singer; Rev. George Clertihew, pastor; services Monday through Friday at 7:00 a.m.; Monday through Saturday at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; night services will be broadcast live on WFOR and Sunday services live on WFOR-FM, Hattiesburg.

O'Nealsville, (Yalobusha): April 18-23; services at 7:30 p.m.; Rev. A. M. Moore, pastor of Tillatoba Church, Yalobusha County, evangelist; Larry Dean Hardy, music director; Mrs. Cabell Hardy, accompanist; Rev. Harry Sartain, pastor.

1,000 Young People At Neshoba Rally

The Neshoba Association Youth Rally held on Saturday night April 3, was a tremendous success. More than one thousand young people from all over Neshoba County and nearby areas packed into the auditorium of Philadelphia, First Church. A large number had to be turned away at the door.

Speaking to the youth were popular television star Tom Lester and youth evangelist Buddy Mathis.

Lester, who plays the role of "Eli" on T.V.'s "Green Acres" gave his testimony for Christ.

Following Lester's Testimony, 17-year-old Buddy Mathis from Pascagoula brought the message.

Providing the music for the rally was Frank Lay, who directed the congregational singing; folk singer Paul Ott Carruth of the Mississippi Game and Fish Commission; Buddy Mathis who played two numbers on his trumpet; and the youth choir of First Church directed by Bill Hood.

Many of the churches in the Philadelphia area reported large numbers of decisions on the Sunday following the rally.

Sylvarena Plans Dedication Day

Sylvarena Church (Copolah County) plans to have homecoming and dedication day on April 18.

Sunday School will begin at 10:00 a.m. The morning service will begin at 11:00 with Rev. J. D. Walker, former pastor, bringing the message. Malcolm Hutson will be in charge of the music. Dinner will be served at noon followed by an afternoon of singing. There will be no night services.

"All members, present and former, as well as all friends are invited," states Rev. Drew D. Blanton, pastor.

Antioch (Neshoba): April 16-19; Rev. J. W. Coker, pastor of Mt. Horeb Church near Meridian, evangelist; Johnnie Pierce, song leader; Doyle Pierce, pianist; regular services on Sunday, April 18; other services at 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Albert H. McMullen, pastor.

Liberty (Landoltale): April 20-May 2; services each night at 7:30; Memorial Day services on Sunday, May 2; Rev. Larry Moore, guest speaker; Rev. Billy Whitaker, pastor.

Immanuel, Greenwood: May 2-7; Dr. Fuller B. Saunders, pastor of Woodland Hills Church, Jackson, evangelist; J. B. Betts, evangelistic singer; Rev. Jimmy W. Dukes, pastor.



Beacon Church Breaks Ground

Beacon Church Hattiesburg, had a ground breaking service Sunday, March 14, for a new building. The large group shows the ones attending church on this Sunday, and the other shows the building committee, left to right: Richard Burkett, C. D. Benson, Bobby Lee Stanley, Rev. Wm. O. Partridge, pastor, Herbert Clark,



Dr. Swor Autographs Books At BMC

TWO TERESSAS REQUEST AUTOGRAPH: During his seven-day visit on the campus of Blue Mountain College, Dr. Chester E. Swor, nationally known lecturer, youth counselor, and author of six books, gladly autographed copies of his books for students. Left, Teresa LaFarlette of Blytheville, Ark., waits her turn for the autograph of Dr. Swor, in her copy of "THE TEEN AGE SLANT," while Dr. Swor, second from right, autographs a copy of the same book for Teresa Collins of Corinth, right, as President E. Harold Fisher of the College, an ardent "fan" and devoted friend of the honored guest, witnesses this thrilling experience for two BMC students.



Duck Hill Banquet Features WMU Work

LEADERS OF THE WMU of Duck Hill Church, Rev. George Steward, pastor, presented a banquet commemorating W.M.U. Focus Week. All WMU-sponsored organizations and the members' parents were invited. Over 125 members and guests attended. After a delicious meal, financed and prepared by the WMU members, all of the organizations took part in the entertainment which was planned in such a way as to give some idea of the work that is being done in each organization. "This was the first time in the history of the church that such an event had taken place," states Mrs. Mary Abel, president, Women's Missionary Union, Duck Hill.

Arkadelphia Reception To Honor Dr. J. R. Davis

Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Davis will be honored at a reception in Fellowship Hall of Arkadelphia Church, Bailey, on Sunday, April 18, from 3 to 5 p.m.

Dr. Davis has accepted a call as interim pastor of the Arkadelphia Church. He recently retired from the pastorate of First Church, Batesville, where he had served for eleven years. He has served as president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and as chairman of the Executive Committee of the Board.

Recently Dr. Davis was evening speaker for a banquet at Arkadelphia in honor of persons who had earned study course awards. Twelve of 47 who participated in the study have earned ten or more study course credits. These received special honors and diplomas. They are Mrs. G. R. Ethridge, Mrs. Clemon Daniels, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Carpenter, Billy Carpenter, Mrs. Bettye Ratcliff, Mrs. Edna Smith, Mrs. Alene Munn, Mr. and Mrs. James Stephens, Jean Stephens, and Jimmy Stephens.

To know about God will not suffice. You must know how to depend on him. You must take time in prayer to be a mighty man of God. John Bunyan in How to Win Them, a Broadman book.

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Damascus Church Honors Retired Teacher, Miss Renfro, On Her 90th Birthday

Miss Fannie Renfro Day was held at Damascus Church, Copiah County, Sunday night, March 21 in honor of her 90th birthday.

Miss Fannie, a retired school teacher, was born in Beauregard, Miss. One of twelve children, she started to school in a log cabin later known as Union Chapel. She attended Hillman and Blue Mountain colleges, and taught in Copiah and Lincoln Counties. Seventeen of her teaching years she spent at Loyd Starr in Lincoln County.

At the age of twelve she joined the Spring Hill Baptist Church in Copiah County. In 1899 she moved her membership to First Church, Hazlehurst. After retiring in 1948, she spent many years in Jackson, working with the

sick. While staying in Jackson she attended Broadmoor Church. When she returned to Copiah County, she joined Damascus Church where she has continued to be a dedicated member and worker in the church.

The surprise occasion carried the theme "This Is Your Life, Miss Fannie," with Rev. Bruce Parrish, pastor, narrating. The honoree was presented with a white cape and a corsage. Former pupils, friends, and relatives gave their testimony of the inspiration she has been to them. She also received a card of congratulations with the Presidential seal from President and Mrs. Richard M. Nixon. A reception followed the opening of the gifts. Many out of town guests attended.

Resolution Adopted In Memory Of Deacon Who Died In Tornado

Aaron Brumfield, 53, deacon and treasurer of Central Church, Little Yazoo, Rt. 2, Bentonla, lost his life in the recent tornado which struck that community, leaving many others homeless.

The members of Central Church have adopted a resolution in memory of Mr. Brumfield, expressing appreciation for "the faithfulness and complete dedication of our loved one who is now in the presence of his Lord and Master. The loss is there, but the wonderful memories will linger until we meet him again in that day."

Rev. Pete Bradfield is pastor of the Central Church.

"Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy."

Gilfoy Graduates Plan June Reunion

Some 1400 people have graduated from the Gilfoy School of Nursing at Mississippi Baptist Hospital since its establishment in 1911 — and they're all invited to a reunion.

The occasion is the home-coming celebration of the Mississippi Baptist Hospital and Gilfoy School of Nursing Alumnae, set for Saturday, June 5, at the Northgate Convention Center, Jackson.

On the previous day, Friday, June 4, the last graduating class of the Gilfoy School will hold its graduation ceremonies at First Baptist Church, Jackson, at 5:30 p.m.

The reunion was scheduled on the day following the graduating ceremonies in the hope that as many alumnae as possible will be able to attend both events.

Both events are part of a series of occasions in honor of the hospital's 60th anniversary, marking its establishment in January of 1911.

Mrs. Laverne Barnes, president of the alumnae association, said "We have over 1200 up-to-date addresses of our graduates, and we hope we can reach everyone in time to let them know about the June 4-5 events."

Mrs. Barnes said she has already heard from "at least 200" graduates who will be on hand, and she said that the number of participants is expected to increase.

Activities for the day, she said, will include a short business session, the election of officers, live entertainment and get-togethers of individuals graduating classes.

"A highlight of the meeting," she said, "will be the distribution of a very special historical edition of the Chart, which is the Gilfoy School of Nursing annual."

"Much work has gone into the preparation of this annual. It will include 264 pages, and it will review the entire history of the Gilfoy School of Nursing."

This is the last year for the school. The hospital is now providing clinical experience for students in the new four-year School of Nursing at Mississippi College.

Mrs. Barnes said another feature of the home-coming will be a presentation of plans for the new 600-bed Mississippi Baptist Hospital to be built diagonally across the street from the present one.

The schedule also will include tours of the hospital, as well as tours of the hospital's new 100-bed Progressive Care Unit which opened last August.

REVIVAL RESULTS

Danville Church (Alcorn): youth revival; March 22-25; a group of young people from Northeast Junior College, Booneville, speakers; Danville church youth, in charge of song services; a number of churches represented; 216 decisions for Christ; Rev. Fred M. Jenkins, Danville pastor.

Cleveland, Natchez: March 26-April 2, four additions by letter; five on profession of faith; more than 30 rededications; Rev. Warren Langworthy, Pascagoula, evangelist; Monroe McManus, Montgomery, Ala., music director; Rev. James E. Messer, pastor. On Sunday, April 4 (High Attendance Day), there were four additions by letter, two professions of faith, and numerous rededications.

Beulah Church (Simpson): Dr. John Hull, evangelist; Dennis Lewallen, singer; Rev. George Harper, pastor; 15 professions of faith; ten additions by letter.

Off The Record

Sound Advice

Mother discovered her little daughter fighting with the boy next door. After parting them she lectured her daughter. "Next time," she said, "I don't want you hitting Johnny back. Remember that you're a lady. Out-talk him!"

High Cost of Lousing

MacSweeney, the carpenter, had just been granted another raise in pay, but when his brother from the country asked him how he was getting along, he sighed and sadly shook his head.

"But you've got a good job haven't you?" said the brother.

"One of the best," replied MacSweeney.

"What's the trouble, then?"

"Wages—that's the trouble."

"But I thought you just had a big raise in pay."

"That's right. That's just what's bothering me. My wages are so bloomin' high now I can't afford to take a day off."

Carey Chorale To Sing In The Bahamas

The William Carey College Chorale, under the direction of Dr. Donald Winters, dean of the school of music, left Hattiesburg on Monday, April 12, for the 15th annual tour. The 36-voice choir will be performing in churches and schools in south Alabama, Florida, and in the Bahama Islands.



MISS FANNIE RENFRO, chairman of deacons, presents gift from Damascus Church to Miss Fannie Renfro.